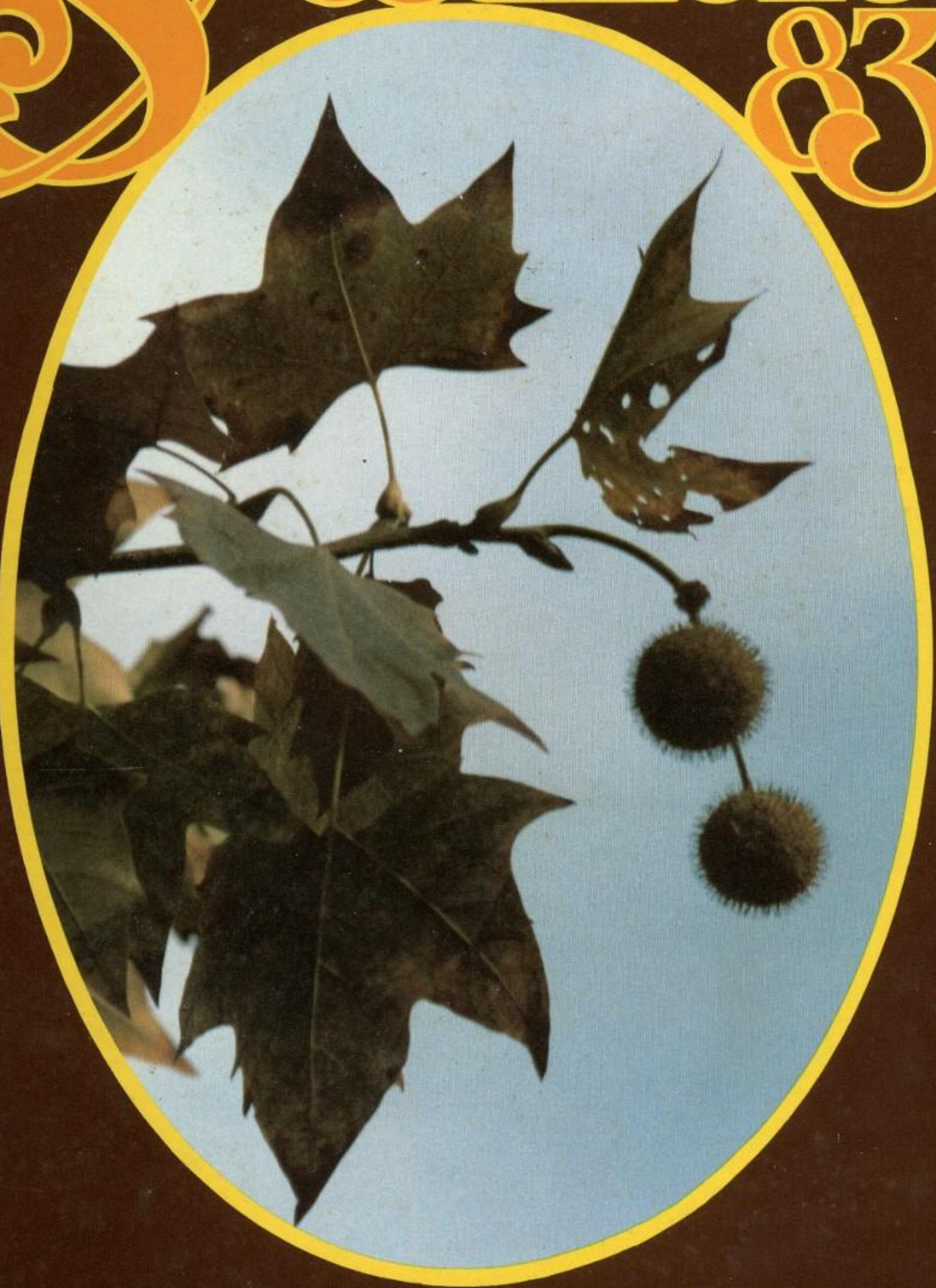


# Sycamore 83



GREGG REIM H.G.A.  
photography editor



Gregg,  
I haven't seen too  
much of you this year!  
But I still think you're a  
super person. Good luck in  
your future years.  
Love ya  
Rahelle

# ON MODESTO

On Mo-des-to. On Mo-des-to. Plunge right through that line. Take the  
ball a round (LOLO (man to Oak-dela) Touch down sure this time, Rah! Rah! On Mo-  
des-to. On Mo-des-to. Fight on for your team  
Fight! Rah-laws Fight and we will win this game

To a real cute guy  
I met. Hope I see  
you in the future.  
Love for when you  
graduate. Good luck  
with the guys I mean  
girls. See ya.  
Sharon  
Machado

# CHEER FOR MODESTO

Cheer for Mo-des-to High, Take up the cheer-ness cheer-ness by Send the ring-ing cheer on  
Shake down the thun-der from the sky Up hold the pan-thers great or small Mo-des-  
all while her loy-al team are march-ing on-ward to vic-to-ry

# VICTORY SONG

Pan-thers start to prow - Listen to them  
path to meet the prey They're scent-ing  
down the road - whose des-ti-ny we  
Fight! Might-y pan-ther team for Mo-des-



Gregg

you're a really sweet guy.  
Stay sweet & cute. I  
hope to see ya next  
year if I come back  
from Mexico. I wish  
we could of got to  
know each other better.  
Well good luck in  
all you do

LOVE

NITA

BRUNETTE

©

Gregg  
well going to miss you  
alot. do you know why.  
well ill tell you cause im take  
not going to you no one  
and lunch and Brandy, out to  
we use it. Dont forget things  
in the future. Good luck  
yours  
Always  
Anna V.

# SCHOOL HYMN

All hail to thee Mo- des- to High let not thy soar- ing ech- oes die. In

Gregg,

you are such a sweet  
guy. I never forget  
all the hours during  
me in sticks that  
yearbook. I love that  
sense of humor. I stay  
out and have a great  
summer. Keep out of  
trouble. Stay away  
from the drags.

P.S. what does love for  
it stand for. Love

A song sent ring- ing to the sky. All hail to thee Mo- des- to High

The School Hymn was selected after a competition in 1934.  
The words were written by Martha Ayer, '36, and the music  
was composed by Lauramae Lewis, '35. It has been used con-  
tinually ever since, especially at rallies, football and basketball  
games, and similar spirit activities.



To Gregg,  
 A real sweetheart  
 and good looking  
 guy I met this year  
 you're sweet and I hope  
 you stay that when you  
 go to college. I wish we had  
 more time to get to know each other  
 a little better even though I really  
 haven't known each other long. I really  
 think you're sweet and like ya a lot. Hope  
 to see you this summer or sooner. Take care!

Love  
 Janet  
 Strickland

Gregg,  
 You are a real nice and crazy guy.  
 Stay that way. Hope that you will  
 not forget me since you leaving this  
 wonderful school. Try to keep in touch  
 sometime too. Take care of yourself over the  
 summer or you just might get in trouble.  
 Stay cool too. Remember just think "524-2037".

Love ya,  
 Gina B.

Gregg,  
 So a good-looking, and  
 sweet guy. I really wish  
 we could of gotten back together.  
 you are the greatest boyfriend  
 girl could ever have. I really do  
 hope we can try again some day.  
 Have a nice life, and I hope so  
 your dreams come true.  
 Love Always,  
 Fu Ann

P.S.  
 Please call me  
 522-5683

H.G. - These drug  
 crazed years have come  
 to an end. Thank God.  
 If there is one, well,  
 I won't go into that.  
 Don't forget to take  
 drugs every day. I  
 hope you fulfill your  
 lifelong goal of dying  
 of an O.D. before you're  
 27. Keep partying or puking  
 or whatever. That's it.

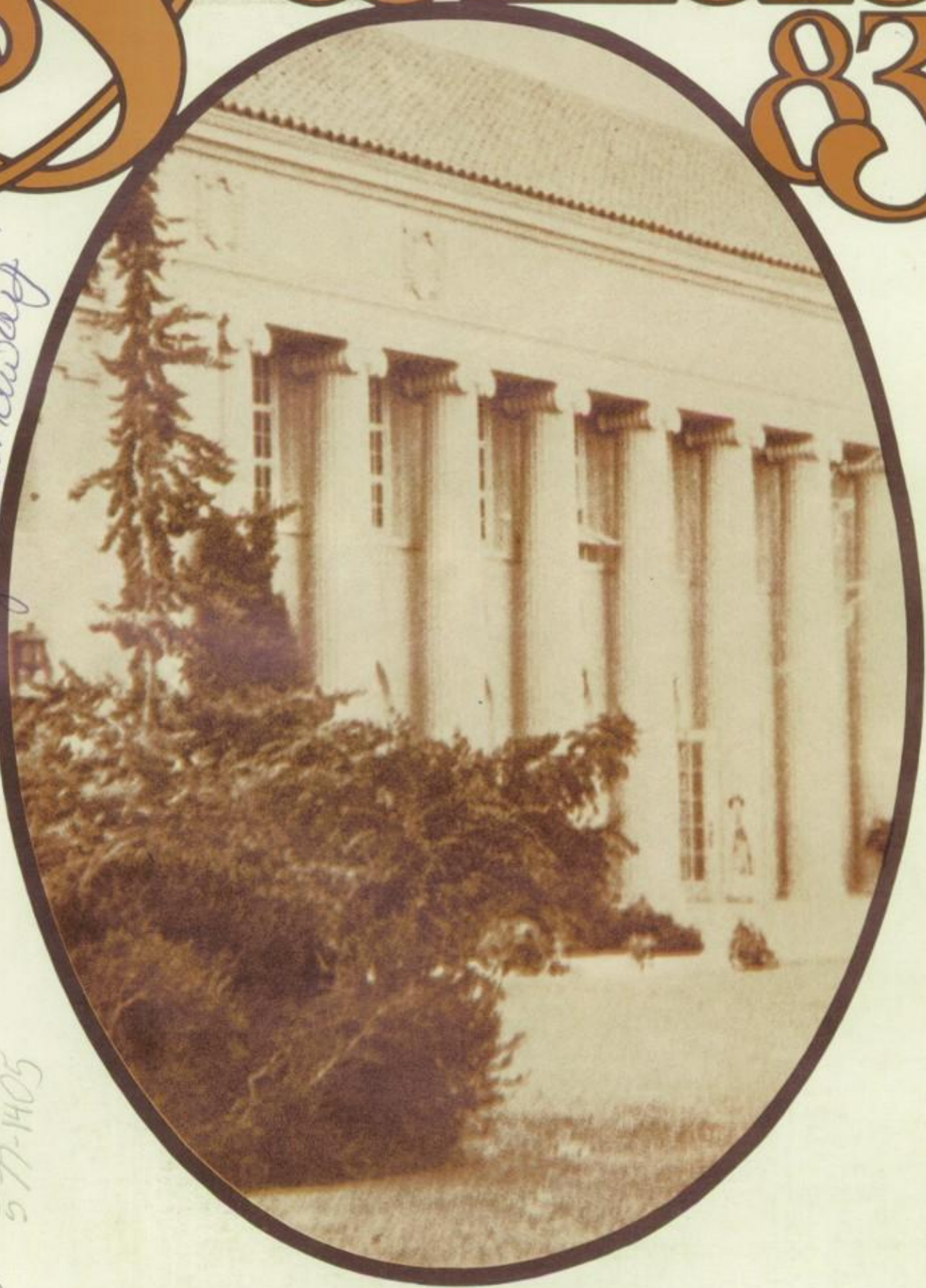
Goodbye.

Gregg, really  
 you're really  
 most a sweet person  
 I was up the time...  
 It was fun while it lasted  
 It's too bad you're going off  
 to college. I was a let off  
 been going to "the man".  
 Aren't you glad you're  
 getting out of this stupid.



# Scamorie 83

Centennial Edition



school? And all these stupid people  
won't be around? Well, when you  
come back to visit give me a call,  
you have my number. Maybe  
we can go to "the moon" and have  
a good time! Love ya always & forever,  
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## Dedication

During the century of Modesto High's existence, over 100,000 students have passed through its halls, each contributing something to the Panther Heritage, and each receiving in return an equal amount of Panther Pride.

Not only the students who have attended this school, but also the entire community of parents and friends have given a part of themselves to make MHS what it is today.

Thanks to that never-ending community support, Modesto High's campus has continued to be rebuilt rather than replaced, ever since the historic move to "First & H." Thanks also to students who worked to make the customs of the past into the lasting traditions of today.

From the earliest days of MHS history, faculty members have been a vital link with the community, helping students to develop their full potential while keeping spirit and traditions alive.

For these reasons, the 1983 Sycamore staff felt that a dedication to the students, staff and community of Modesto High was an appropriate way to show recognition for their continued support throughout the years.

Three individuals have been chosen to represent this vast community: Dr. John Cooper, Mrs. Grace Updike Jones, and Miss Margaret Painter, who are the oldest living members of MHS history.



Above: Oldest living graduate Grace Updike Jones, shown here in a high school portrait, graduated from Modesto High School in 1909. Right: Dr. John Cooper, the oldest living male alumnus, is shown here as a freshman; he graduated in 1911 and was the first editor of the MHS yearbook, *The Sycamore*.







# A Century of Significance

**4** From 1883 to 1983, Modesto High School has undergone many changes; four sets of buildings and numerous different student attitudes, have all reflected the significance of our heritage as Panthers.

## Association

**18** Classes, activities, fads, fashions and environment form the nucleus of Student Life, while friends, dances, parties and cruisin' provide diversions from the day-to-day pace.

## Competition

**44** Facing new opponents in a new league often proved to be a frustrating task as Spirit leaders and Sports teams struggled to post winning seasons and promote Panther Pride.

## Involvement

**118** In addition to attending their Classes, many students "got involved" by joining one of the Clubs on campus, ranging from groups of less than a dozen to hundreds of members, all enjoying the chance to pursue a special interest.

## Individuals

**166** Of the more than 100,000 MHS students and staff members, many have distinguished themselves in one way or another, a tradition maintained by the current student body and staff, whose Portraits are featured here.

## Promotion

**244** In addition to Advertising, the Index provides an alphabetical listing of each person included in the book, and the pages where they are pictured. The Story of the Year recounts the major local, state, national, and world events.



Top: Two 1983 graduates look over the sprawling metropolis of Modesto, symbolizing the continued support from 20,000 graduates, 100,000 students, and the entire community.

Right: The oldest surviving faculty member is Miss Margaret Painter, who taught English and Speech classes at MHS from 1918 to 1948.

Below: Dr. Cooper, Miss Painter and Mrs. Jones gather in the McHenry Museum to share old memories during an oral history interview







# A Century

by Loree Oaks



Above: The Country Store was an excellent place for the town folk to gather for a discussion of the problems of pioneer life. Right: Traveling in a turn-of-the-century vehicle, David Snyder, Loree Oaks, Sabrina Farris and John Hallford prepare for an ascent into the past.





# of Significance



The term "Panther Heritage: A Century of Significance" represents the one hundred years that students have shared in the Pride of Modesto High School.

When MHS first began its ascent into the educational world, eager members of the Class of 1883 started the traditions which have become the heritage of today. In the year of Modesto High's birth, 1883, the overall atmosphere was much different than it is today. The one-building, 12-grade school was located on 14th Street. In 1900 a two-story high school building was built at 12th and L, and in the fall of 1918, students moved to the present location where a new building had been erected, and the previous site became the Roosevelt School. The first graduating class was composed of only ten students, while the largest graduating class was 559 strong in 1953; records indicate that 20,833 students have graduated during the one hundred years.

In MHS's first few years it was not uncommon to see horses hitched in front of the school. The basic method of transportation was simply walking because the need for cars was not in existence. It took only one teacher and one classroom to meet the educational needs of the forty students who were enrolled that first year. Today it takes 90 teachers, counselors and administrators and 75 classrooms to educate the enrollment of nearly 1600 students.

One little known fact concerning Modesto High's past is that there was no mascot in the early years. In the early 1920's, the Panther was chosen as a fitting emblem to represent the traditions and pride of the school. Although the panther has not always been the mascot, it is as much a part of the 'significance' of Modesto High as the school itself.

Through the years MHS has progressed into one of the most prominent and certainly, the most long-standing school in Stanislaus County. The pride that is shared by each person who is associated with MHS is a rare quality of spirit that will be cherished and remembered in the years to come.



Left: Brian Kelly leaves his East Union opponent flat-footed as he executes an awesome slam-dunk.

Below: Color guard member Tina Miles waits for a signal from the drum major to begin the show.



Above: Smiling as he escorts his "steady" to class, Butch Elinburg carries Gina May's books as they walk together to sixth period.



# A Century of Significance



by David Snyder

Modesto High School has undergone many changes during its first century, of which the most noticeable is its appearance. The present facility is actually the fourth structure to serve as the high school "building," having been preceded by the 14th Street and 12th Street locations, and an earlier, 10-column building at the present location.

Now, as she embarks on her centennial year, MHS is expanding once again: the old Washington School site and the intervening pieces of property have all become part of the MHS campus. Staff and students looked forward eagerly to the actual moving day, which was repeatedly postponed. Inadequate parking, crowded classrooms and quonset huts remained for one more year, but at last the expansion became a reality!



Upper Left: Frank "Proof" Mancini led Modesto High's band to many national honors between 1924 and his retirement nearly 30 years later.

Center Left: Student Betty Darling poses with her family in front of the school in 1925.

Left: MHS girls have been playing volleyball

since the early 1900's.

Above: Yolanda Madrigal and Becky Peeper get into an early lead at a Cross Country meet.

Right: Ray Chavez joins the rest of the horn line in exhibiting their musical skills at a football halftime performance.

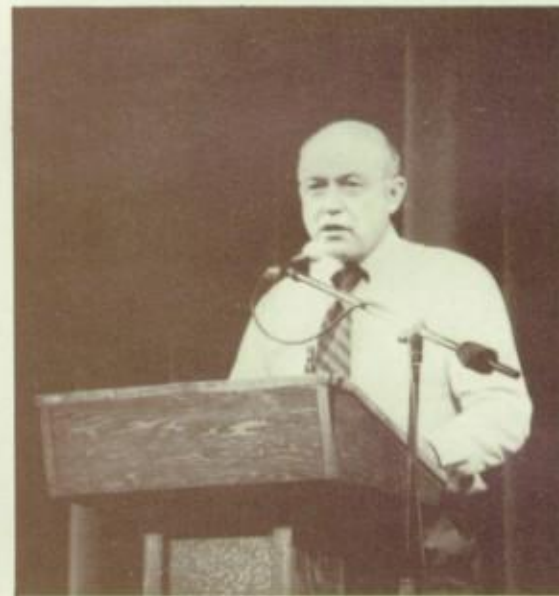
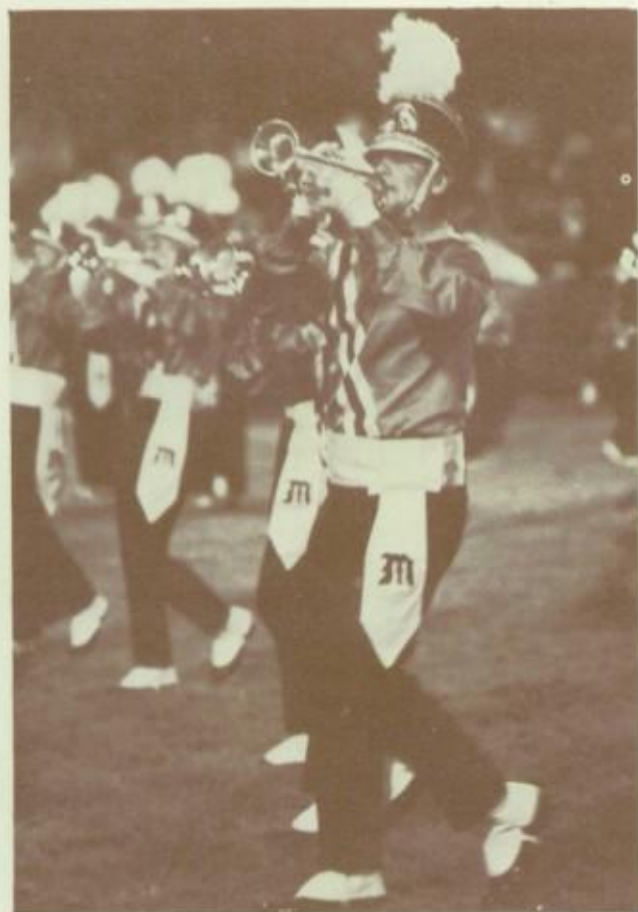


Social attitudes have also changed through the years. What is considered "acceptable" by the students and faculty today would have been thought shocking by a similar group of people just thirty years ago. The strict dress code, which was so firmly entrenched even during the fifties and sixties, was discontinued in the seventies. Cheerleading, which had always been a male prerogative, fell to a lovely young lady named Jenny (Martin) Ketchum in 1953; a co-ed activity during the sixties and early seventies, that domain has now been almost completely taken over by the girls.

Another change that has taken place recently is the institution of a smoking area, commonly referred to as "Marlboro Country." As recently as ten years ago, the use of tobacco anywhere on campus would have been severely

punished. Then, in the fall of 1977, the City School Board authorized the designation of an on-campus smoking area at each of the high schools. A controversial move, it was nonetheless followed three years later by authorizing a "designated chewing area" at each school.

Despite the changes that have taken place, Modesto High is as proud of the accomplishments of her past as those of today. She has achieved outstanding significance of nearly every description connected with an institution of learning, and the pride which students and alumni alike feel in that accomplishment carries them through days of less brilliant glory. Panther attitudes and appearances will always continue to change. But one thing will remain the same throughout the next century—the Panther Heritage of MHS.



Upper Left: John Hallford concentrates on rapid writing to increase the word count at the Journalism Write-A-Thon.

Upper Right: Rhonda Albright and Denise Presley wear trash bag dresses and blender-dried hair for Punk Rock Day.

Above Left: Editor Jeremy Shuman hangs signs to advertise the sale of the Centennial Sycamore.

Above Right: U.S. congressional candidate Ed Bates speaks to MHS seniors during his October 1982 campaign.

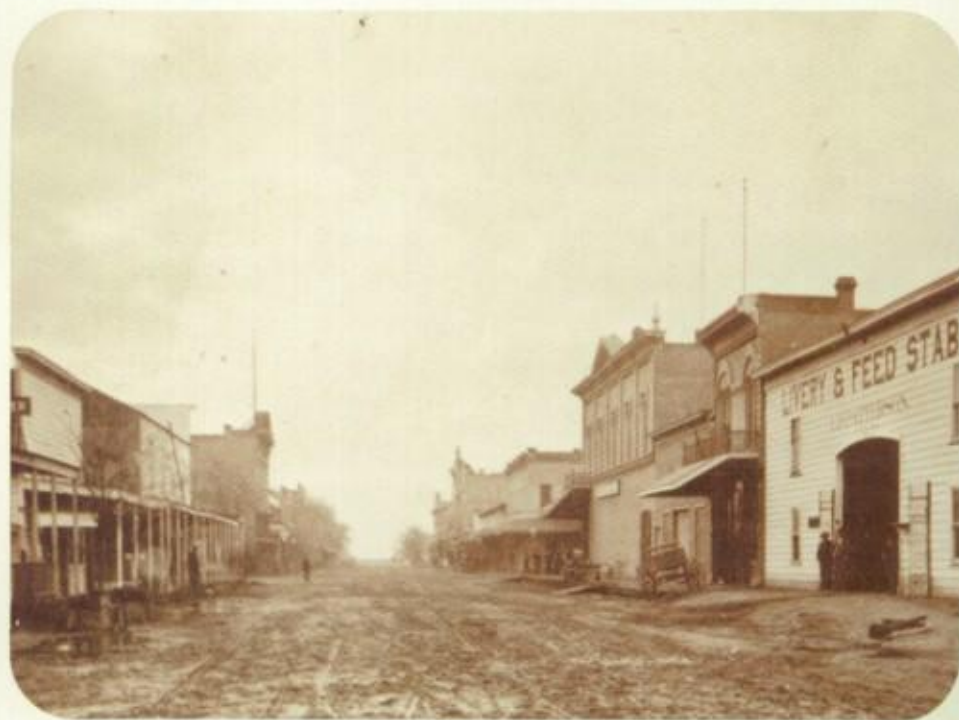
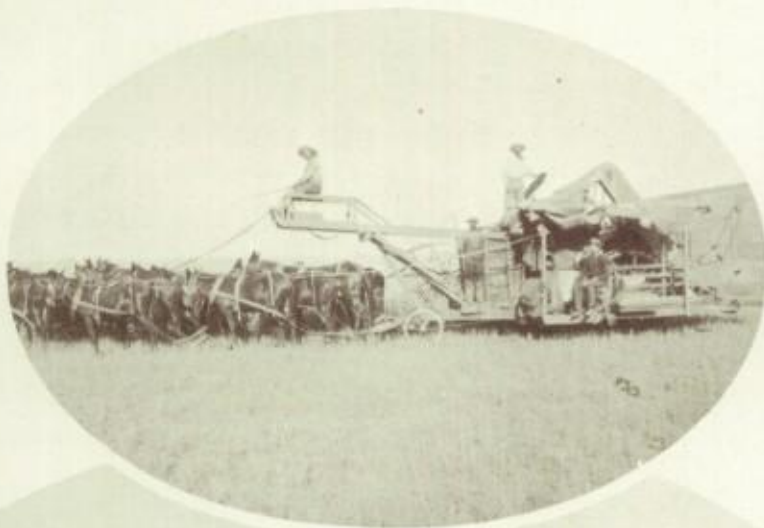


Right: A view of east J Street from 10th Street in 1885.

Below: Modesto's "Paradise Valley" accounted for 1/10 of the California wheat crop in the 1880's.

Lower Left: A view northwest from 16th and J Streets in 1885 shows the growth of the city in 100 years.

Lower Right: A view west on I Street from 12th shows the board sidewalks and dirt streets still prevalent in downtown Modesto until after the turn of the century.



# PANTHER HERITAGE: 1880-1900

by Dianne McHale

**I**n the early 1880's a far-sighted young man established a daring new educational program in borrowed quarters for a handful of volunteers.

Since only "grammar school" students were accommodated at the first school in Modesto, the principal, Professor R. S. Holway, established a high school division for those wishing to continue their education beyond the eighth grade. The idea of a school to provide older students with a way to further their education slowly spread among the early citizens.

In September of 1883, Modesto High was opened in the room upstairs above the elementary school located at 14th Street with an enrollment of 40 students. Eighteen years later, it was relocated in a building of its own at 12th and L Streets, with an enrollment of 81.

Although the original enrollment was of 40 students, attendance was strictly voluntary, and only 10 students were able to complete the required three-year course of study, which consisted of such subjects as algebra, geography, composition, US history, reading, and Latin. The first graduation exercises were held at Rogers Hall on 14th Street in May, 1886. In subsequent years there were from 5 to 17 graduates, except for 1887, when there were only 2, and 1893, when there were none. By 1900 there were 123 alumni of Modesto High School.

During the first ten years of MHS history, a variety of extracurricular activities such as present students enjoy was not available. Instead, students were generally involved in activities outside of school. Church and family were a central part of students' lives, so activities associated with these institutions were very popular. Family picnics on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, with a game of





Left: The Class of 1888 included George P. Schaffer, Albert Conneau, Amelia Marks, Isabelle Garlinghouse, Jennie Cameron, and Helen Kendal.

Above: The McHenry Mansion was built on open ground at the edge of the city in 1885.

Right: Sol P. Elias, a historian of Stanislaus County and mayor of the city of Modesto, was a member of the first graduating class in 1886.



baseball or croquet afterwards were common sights at Dry Creek.

Dances and other musical functions were not supported by the school, so many students frequented the old Rousse Hall where community functions were often held. Many students who attended school at least part of the time also had to work to help support their families, resulting in little opportunity for their enjoyment of free time activities.

Over the century Modesto High has provided an excellent education to an estimated 100,000 students since the original class of 1883. MHS is still offering a comprehensive program along with a feeling of acceptance and dignity which can only be obtained by being a part of Panther Heritage.



# FORMATIVE YEARS: 1900-1920

by Philip Henry



With the beginning of a new century came the seventeenth birthday of Modesto High School, and the move to its first permanent location, at 12th and L Streets. Controversy swirled around MHS even then, as citizens argued over the choice of a location for the new school "in the outskirts of town," but voted overwhelmingly to establish a high school district and issue bonds for the construction.

The young school began growing more rapidly than it had up to this time. In 1904 there were no graduates, as the school switched from the original three-year curriculum to the more standard four years. Seventy-one began their high school careers

in 1910, with a total enrollment listed at 133. By 1920 67 graduates were listed out of a total enrollment of 544.

A report in the 1914 *Sycamore* contained the following observation about a growing trend toward extracurricular activities: "Another thing which caused no little disturbance of school routine was the Farmers Institute in this city, January seventh to fourteenth. By the decree of some miraculous power, school children were permitted to attend; and as a result there suddenly arose in the breasts of a large number of the pupils an ardent desire to penetrate the mysteries of all that pertains to farm life. Even the girls caught the fever, and a preemptory interest in chicken raising (or was it lack of interest in oral English?) led a



Above: Elva Pointer, one of the most popular and active girls in the Class of 1913, earned an enviable reputation in dramatics, was an ardent worker on class committees, and served on the *Sycamore* staff.

Right: Turn-of-the-century telephone operators pose at their two-station switchboard to display the complexity of their operation. It was not until the early 1900's that use of the telephone became popular and prevalent in private homes.





Right: John Cooper, editor of the first yearbook, and a graduate in 1911, warms up before a track meet in 1910. He later became a well-known physician in Modesto.

merry bunch one afternoon to mingle with the staid farmers in the Board of Trade rooms. However, it is the firm belief that some good was done by this Institute." Some of the best farmers in the state of California started here in Modesto, after serving four years as students at Modesto High School.

Farming was not the only thing on students' minds. They had begun to organize clubs and activities for after school enjoyment, such as the Athletic Association, Debating Club, or Literary Society, much like the clubs of today. The first "Year Book" was published in 1910, and during the teen years student government and athletics also became well established.

World War I took many of the junior and senior boys, and several faculty members, away from the school, and the Influenza epidemic closed the school twice during the winter of 1918-19.

In 1919 the new Modesto High School was opened to the students. Now the school was thirty-seven years old, and the Roaring Twenties rolled in.



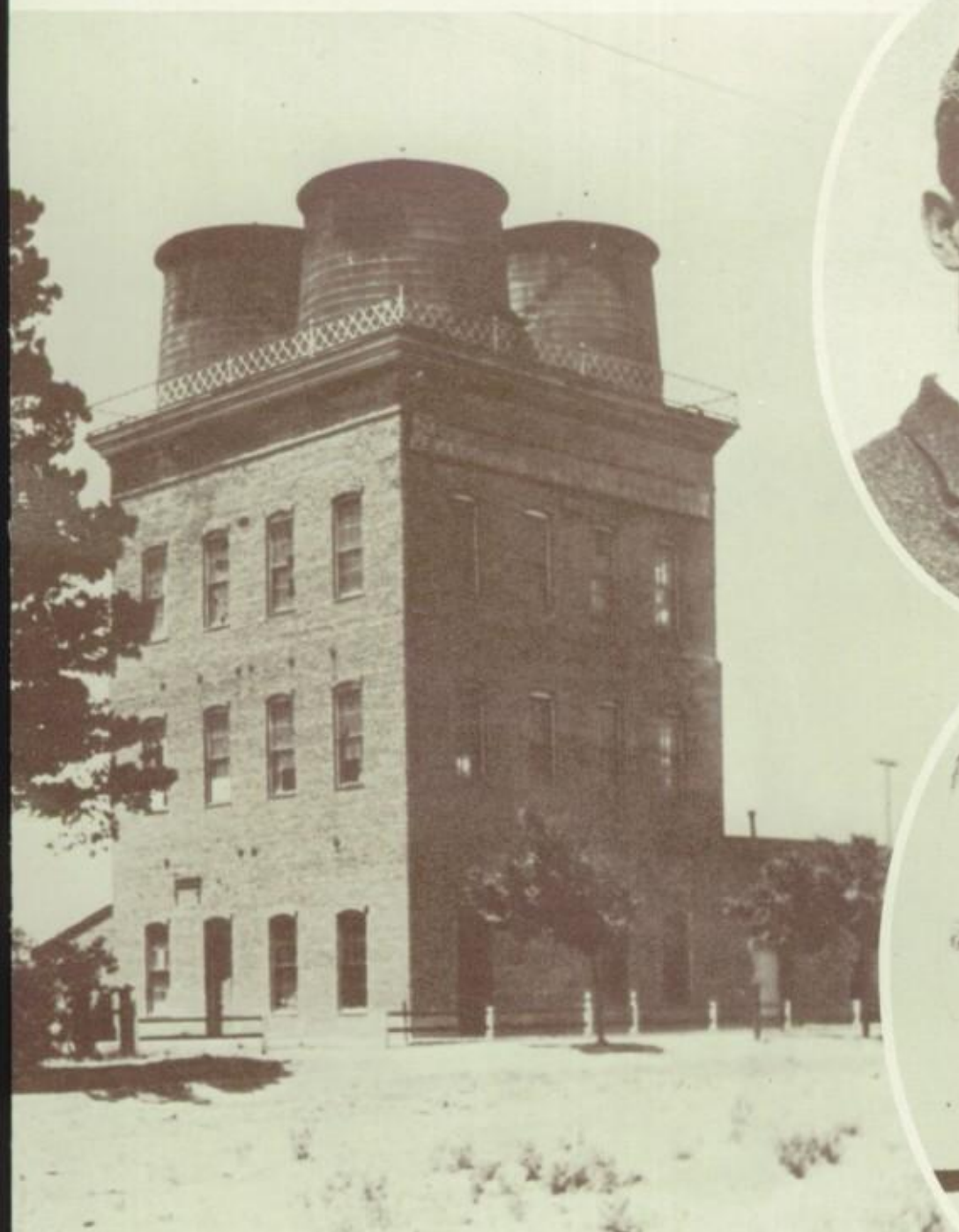
Left: Chester Hansen was the business manager of the 1919 Sycamore.

Below: Ruth Goddard was a member of the 1919 Sycamore staff as well as being involved in dramatics and debating.



Left: Leslie H. Wallis was a senior in 1917, the last year high school students attended classes on the old campus.

Far Left: The City Water Towers, built in 1893, were a landmark for many years.





Right: MHS students in 1939 eagerly await the introduction of a guest speaker.

Below: The 1924 Yearbook Editor was Herbert Paul.

Lower Center: 1920 graduate Neva Enid Garrett displays the start of the "flapper" look.



Right: Drama was a popular activity during this era, as can be seen from this 1940 year-book candid.

Second Right: The 1921 MHS Championship Football Team.





# IN THE SPOTLIGHT: 1920-1940

by Denise Presley

**D**uring the years between 1920 and 1940, Modesto High really began to shine. Outstanding in everything from academics to clubs and from sports to spirit, the "Red and Black" was constantly in the spotlight.

Covering a wide range of interests, school clubs were a valuable part of Modesto High School's student life. The clubs at Modesto during the twenties and thirties included everything from the University Preparatory Club to the Cinema Club, Senior International Club, and Pan American Club.

Two famous extra-curricular organizations known throughout the county and state were Debate and Band. The Debaters from MHS won numerous awards, including the coveted Central California Public Speaking Cup in 1925, '26, '27, '32, '35, and '39. Throughout this period they always placed first, second or third in the league, taking third in the 1931 State Championship tournament.

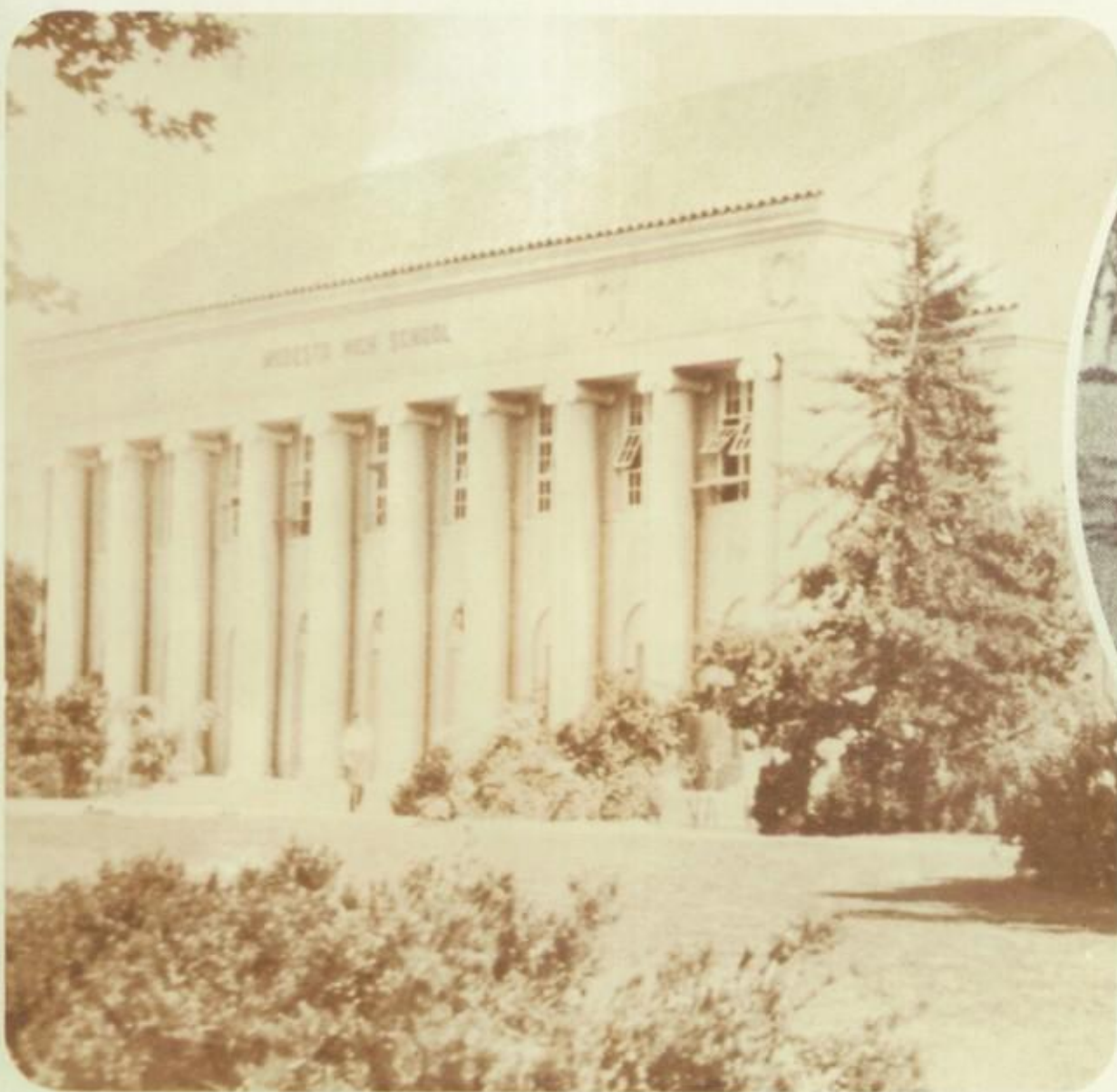
The MHS Band, under the baton of Frank Mancini, was not only known statewide, but nationally also. They participated in many competitions, placing second in national competition for two years in a row. They occupied the state champs' seat in 1924, '25, '27, '28, and '29; finally, they were in-

vited to perform a special concert at the Sacramento competition rather than out-class the other schools.

Another very important aspect of student life during those years was sports: football, baseball and track for boys; tennis, field hockey and basketball for girls.

In 1921 the MHS football team competed in the state championship game, losing to Oakland Technical High School, 5 to 3. That match was the only high school loss in the MHS season. A top-secret organization set out to select a suitable title for the championship team. After weeks of suspense, the group bestowed the now-famous name of "Panthers" on the team. Since that time, the Panther has been the mascot of Modesto High.

During the twenties and thirties the spirit at MHS was at its peak. There was almost 100% participation in clubs and sports. Nearly every student in school was involved in at least one club, making the school day full of activities. The community took great pride in the only high school in town, eagerly attending the many recitals and plays that took place at the MHS auditorium. Students worked very hard to make the entertainment enjoyable to all who attended. Even then, the spirit and pride of MHS soared.



Left: The main building of the MHS campus during the twenties and thirties as seen from the street near the present sidewalk into the Industrial Education wing.

Above: The caption for this 1934 yearbook candid states that " 'Pansy' Boyd had to wear that Bow-Keep tie to school for five days. We wonder why?" So do we.



# RADICAL CHANGES: 1940-1960

by Jason Kanar

**F**rom 1940 to 1960 there were many changes in student life at Modesto High. The events that influenced these changes ranged from the Second World War in the early forties to the Red Scare of the fifties.

World War II affected students in various ways. Many Modesto High students helped the war effort by enlisting in the armed forces and going overseas to fight. Others stayed at home and helped in war bond drives or other civilian activities. Recreation was limited during the war years because of the severe rationing, but students still managed to have fun by participating in sports and other school related activities. During this time Modesto won several league championships against their arch-rival Turlock.

After the war ended in 1945, the country, including Modesto, prospered. Rationing was over and gas was cheap. Students began to do things not possible during the war because of shortages of gas. These included going to drive-ins and other car-related places of entertainment. It was during these post-war years that driver education and driver training were first offered at Modesto High.

Then in 1950 the Korean war brought an era of paranoia. Students in Modesto went to dances,

went out on dates, and did other things that were considered 'normal.' They were afraid to do anything that would be non-conformist for fear of being called a Communist and being black-listed. Fortunately these witch-hunts ended in the early fifties and things began to settle down.

Enrollment grew rapidly during the late 40's and early 50's, and new construction barely kept pace. Quonset huts joined the classroom scene, to reappear frequently in subsequent years. During this frenzied period, Modesto High School got some new competition because of the opening of Downey High. Modesto now had a cross-town rival but still had little trouble winning many different sports championships.

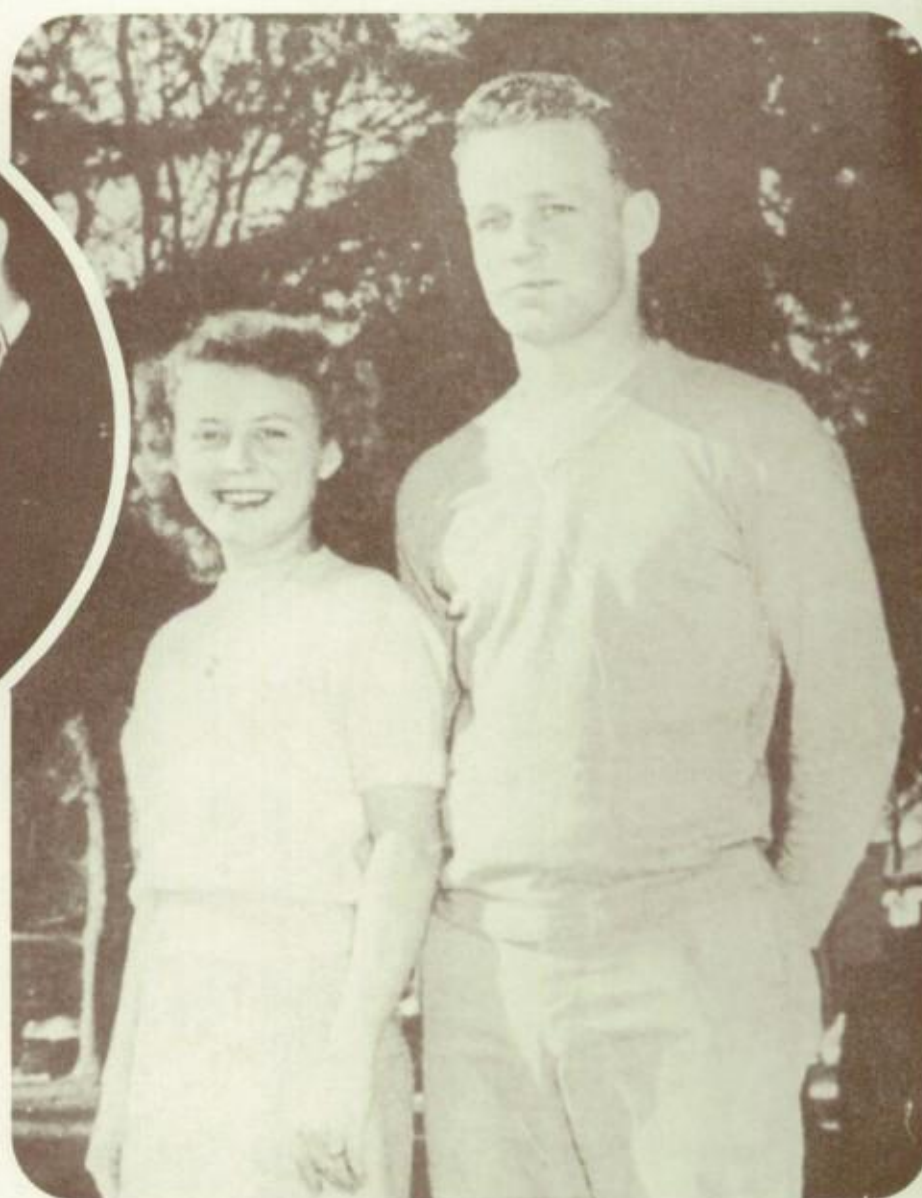
As the 50's drew to a close, one of the major activities of Modesto High's students was cruising. This was illustrated in the movie *American Graffiti* which was based on a night in Modesto, and which, with modifications, remains a favorite activity today.

During this twenty year period, Modesto High persevered through many trials and tribulations. Through it all the students retained the spirit that MHS students have always had. As long as we keep this spirit, our school will remain the great institution it has been for the past 100 years.



Above: In a special ceremony, Cal Purviance presents the Bee-KBEE Sac-Joaquin trophy to the captains of the 1956 championship football team.

Right: Patty Clougher and Tom Halloway were the recipients of the best physique award in 1949.







Left: Panthers show their spirit at a 1956 football game.

Below: Voted Best Looking Girl, Koni Nugent displays the hairstyle typically worn by girls in 1960.

Lower Center: The Best Looking Boy for 1960, Danny Layne sports the popular style of dress for guys.



Second Left: An interested group of students in a 1952 shop class learn the basics of auto mechanics.



Left: Typing was a popular class in 1952.



# AGING GRACEFULLY: 1960-1980

Right: Best All Around Seniors for 1961 Pat Stivers and Dennis Elwess introduce the look of the sixties.

Below: The fashion of the late sixties is displayed by Vernon Gant and Linda Brughelli in 1966.



by Stephanie Frazier

any changes have occurred at MHS in the last twenty years. Students today have different attitudes toward fashion, sports, social life, and extra-curricular activities.

At the start of the sixties, most students were involved in numerous clubs and select groups of people. Being yourself was not always easy, though, for fashion tastes were limited due to the strict dress code. Girls were required to wear dresses or skirts below the knee, while boys were to be in clean shirts with collars and slacks during each school day. This dress code was discontinued when the seventies came along, making it possible for students to wear anything they liked, as long as it didn't interfere with their education.

Students' social lives were very important to them, as they are today, although going out on a date was of a little different nature than it is now. An evening out might have taken the following form: guy picks up girl, takes her to Burgies, the favorite burger joint, then off to the drive-in to see a preferred scary flick. A kiss on the doorstep back home made the evening complete.

The sixties were filled with turmoil and tearful times. Protest and rebellious groups fought for

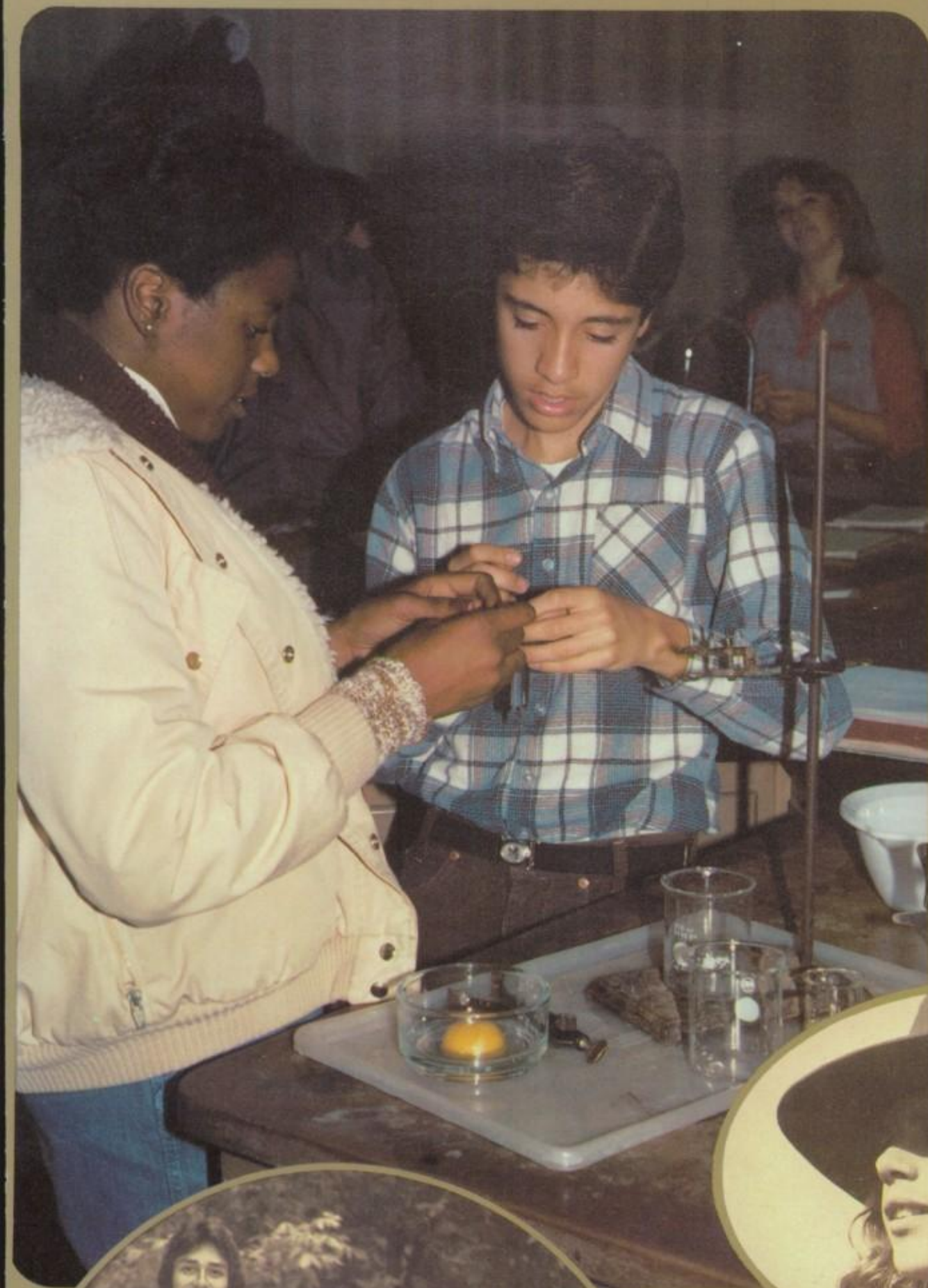
causes of all kinds. The biggest bulk of protesting was due to the Vietnam War in 1965. Thousands of young men resisted the draft by marching and chanting and burning their registration cards. Protests against this most unpopular war in our nation's history did not end until 1975, when the war itself drew to a close.

A big shock to all were the tragic deaths of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King. The dreams and hopes of a new "Camelot" died with these men, and the nation suffered a long period of mourning.

But not all happenings during the sixties were sad, for MHS had a great 10 years in sports. In 1965 the varsity football team took the CCC championship. There were also many winning seasons for baseball, basketball and track. The Panthers pulled out two city championships in 1972, and the '73 varsity football team had a near-perfect record, losing only to Turlock at the end of the season.

The spirit at MHS during those twenty years evolved into a more mellow attitude. Gone was the wild and frenzied involvement with school activities so prevalent in the past; instead, students preferred their social activities outside the formal school setting, secure in the knowledge that MHS continues to be the repository of Panther Pride.





Opposite Page: Classmates Micki Gallian and Richard Snow work assiduously on an assignment in a 1964 chemistry class.

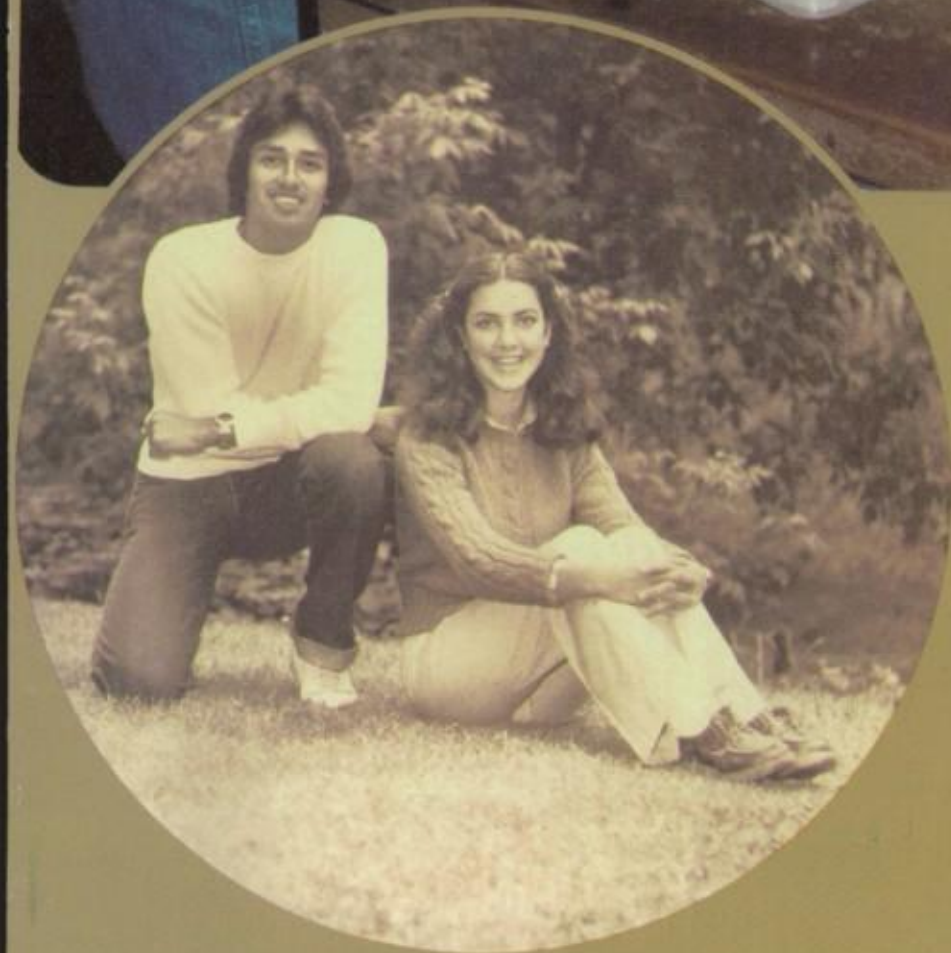
Left: Students Jacy Lee and Maxi Magana work diligently on a biology experiment while Karen Whitaker watches their progress.

Below: The look of the early seventies was quite different from that of the sixties, due to the relaxation of the dress code which permitted mini-skirts, as Peggy Cherry and Linda Graves display in 1970.



Above: The late seventies brought long hair on the males as the focal point of fashion, as junior Mike Robinson exemplifies while gazing over the 1975 MHS range in his Buffalo Bill hat.

Left: The clean and well-groomed look of the eighties is reflected by Best All-Around Juniors for 1980, Frankie Gonzales and Bunny McHale.







# A Century

by Debbie Bowling



Above: Posing in her graduation dress, Pat Willingham prepares to attend the 1953 commencement exercises.

Right: Preparing for a "turn-of-the-century" breakfast, Nora Milchen watches closely as Debbie Bowling pours a cup of milk for Jeremy Shuman at the McHenry Museum.





# of Association



Above: Chester Seely poses in the typical attire of the early fifties, a T-shirt with sleeves rolled up, and blue jeans with cuffs turned in.

In the early days of MHS history, pupils faced a cut-and-dried education of academic rigidity. There were no elective courses or extracurricular activities, and attendance was completely voluntary. Everyone strove to "master their lessons," never questioning the subject matter. Because the Modesto community was not very large, there was little social life within the city. Seldom did an MHS student stay out of school just for fun. Absence was for one of three reasons: illness, participation in the harvest or other family-related jobs, or lack of appropriate clothes, shoes, or books.

Because teenagers have always felt a need to gather together socially, MHS soon became the liveliest spot in the community. Students made it their workshop and their beehive. It was not many years before they were planning all sorts of activities with which to entertain themselves in the afternoons and evenings.

In autumn they rallied together, going on hayrides or picnics. When weather turned wet, windy, and cold, indoor folk dances were held. There were also taffy pulls, spelling bees, plays and recitals to occupy students' spare time. "Freshies" watched in amazement as their older classmates participated in activities that were marks of seniority, including May Day dances and drill team performances. All of these brought the pupils together, forming what we now call student life.

The annual watermelon feed, put on by the Juniors and Seniors for the underclassmen, began in the late 1890's. It was supposed to be a huge picnic with floats, but that turned out to be complicated as well as expensive, so they settled on the simplicity of a school-wide melon feed, which was popular for many years.

During the war years, students survived with the help of friends, neighbors, and schoolmates; teachers and rules were strict. The period of the twenties brought a rapidly expanding student population and student activity program, as the high school became the social center for the entire community, a program so thoroughly accepted that even the depression years barely daunted its scope.



Left: Getting into the spirit of things, Lisa Dickson walks blindly across campus in her "Crazy Day" outfit.

Below: Newly enrolled MHS students search for classes on Freshman Orientation Day.



Above: "Suckers" Sean Wani and Dalinda Angelo are persuaded to buy an inferior model Used Yearbook off the lot at the fall Sycamore Assembly.



# A Century of Association



by Nora Milchen

ever-ending homework, impossible tests, and struggling through crowded halls. A place to acquire knowledge—or new friends. The biggest social event of the year, or a place just to pass the time. A place to expand an education or just get a passing grade.

Highlights of an MHS schoolday are simple: nutrition break, lunch, and 2:10! The break is welcome, but in most cases hardly nutritional. On the other hand, lunch at MHS is a serious matter. The lunch bell signals the start of a race, with students rushing to get off campus. Some don't really care where they're going; they just want to leave. For those staying behind, it's a race to the snack bar. Unless they're speedy or have sharp elbows, they spend half the period in line, hoping to get what they want before it's sold out. At 2:10, relieved



Upper Left: In a picture from 1936, a group of students in a spring play show their enthusiasm for MHS.

Center Left: Turn-of-the-century students stroll to an afternoon ball game.

Left: Dramatics played an important part in MHS history, beginning with the completion of the first auditorium in 1918.

Above: A group of spirited sophomores fill the bleachers and show their pride at the Fall King's rally.

Right: "The S & M Crusaders," more commonly known as Johnny Klink, Phil Cearly, and Rod Wheeler, whip into action on Crazy Day.



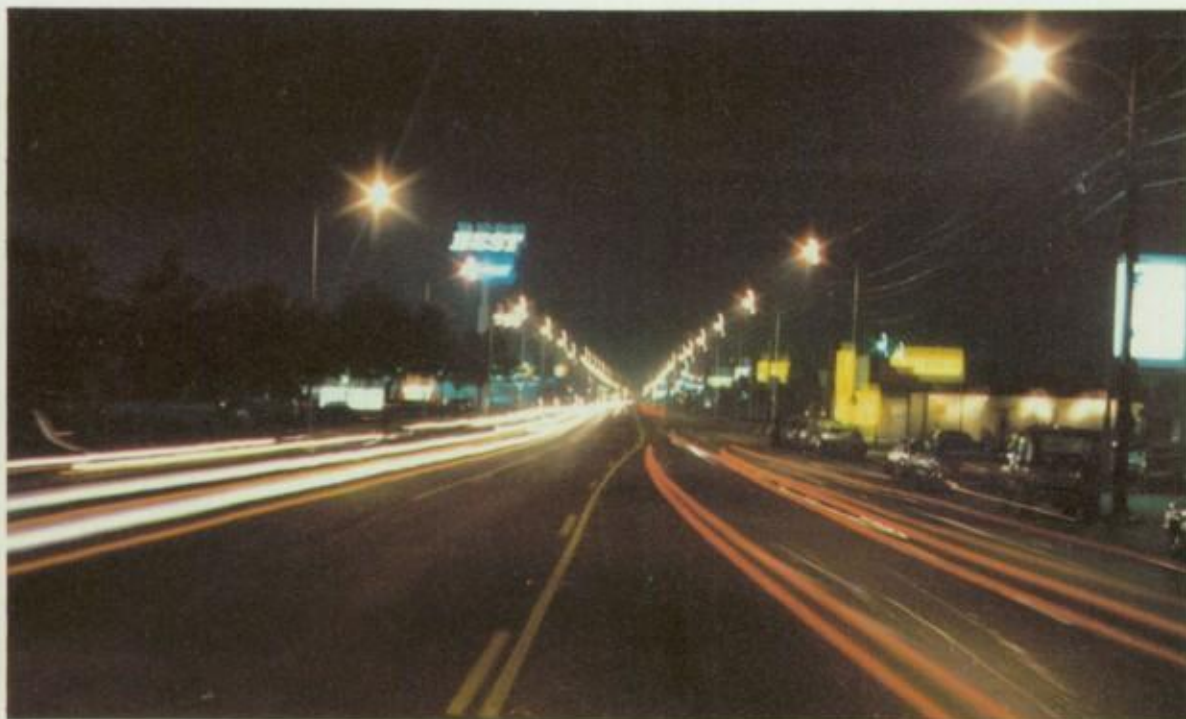
students rush to the buses and head on home.

During after-school hours, some students do homework, while others kick back, watch TV, or pig out. Yet not all students go home right away. From 2:10 to 5:00 many students still occupy the campus, either practicing for a sports team or a spirit squad, or working for rally or a class or club activity which can't be squeezed into the regular day. This kind of dedication keeps many extra-curricular activities going at MHS, even though a smaller percentage of the student body participates than was true fifty years ago.

When the weekend comes, students finally get some time to do with as they please. People differ in how they spend their free time. Some like getting together in a group, others with a cozy date. There is always a party to crash,

sometimes lasting all weekend long. Dances, movies, sports events, cruising, church activities: whatever students do on their nights and weekends is up to them, and that is the best part for most, making up their own minds.

What the future holds for student life is hard to predict. Will MHS survive another hundred years? Will there be an 80's Dress-Up Day thirty years from now? Will students still have the traditional three R's, or will people be so technically advanced that school will be taught by home computers? Will students still anxiously plan for their very first cars, or will they have some form of space-mobiles with which to cruise to nearby planets for the weekend? The answers to these questions will only come to future Sycamore readers, providing students are still buying their yearbooks.



Upper Left: Modesto's main night spot and favorite drag strip on the weekends is McHenry Avenue.

Upper Right: Bobby Norton shows off his '62 GMC pickup truck in front of the school at lunch time.

Above: Homework can be time-consuming for many students, but Rod Laird and Inez Sullivan find time to study in the library.



I am proud to be in this school because there are so many nice people here. I am the only student at MHS in a wheelchair, but the teachers and all the other students treat me like everyone else. That makes me feel great. This is the best school anywhere.

Luis Ruelas (12)

Modesto High has been since the beginning the Number One School. Even today, everyone else just follows in our footsteps.

Chris Beatty (10)



by Dianne Watts

## Celebrating a Century

**W**hen students were asked how they felt about attending Modesto High during its Centennial, two points became very clear: Pride for having been able to attend the oldest and best school in Modesto, and "being able to express oneself." In responses from nearly four hundred students, these attitudes were considered the most important part of high school life, the bindings that held the student body together.

Other responses ranged from an expression of pride for being able to graduate during Modesto High's one hundredth birthday to "makes no difference to me; school is school."

The few negative responses were far outnumbered by the enthusiasm and pride that students take in their school, a pride magnified even more because of the centennial year.

"The 100th Birthday of Modesto High School provides our students and staff a unique opportunity to share with our community the many contributions of MHS and its graduates. There is a very positive feeling about the tradition and pride of Modesto High School in our community and its role in the development of the greater Modesto area. We reflect on its wonderful past and eagerly look forward to the contributions of the next 100 years. The present staff and students of Modesto High School feel honored that we can share in this richly deserved recognition."

—Richard A. Lang, principal

It's a wonderful honor being able to enter the home of the great Panthers of Modesto High; it's thrilling to think that someday I, too, will be a graduate.

Lina Dias (9)



The Centennial Logo is the winning design submitted by junior Richard Brunetti in a contest held in the spring of 1982. It is featured by the Centennial Committee in numerous ways, and is used in the yearbook to identify quotes from students similar to the ones featured on this page.







Modesto High is carrying on traditions and giving pride to all those who pass through its doors.

*Vivian Hawkins (Counselor)*

It's great to be attending a school where there have been 100 years of excellence.

*Rob Newburn (9)*



All the students feel and display the pride of Modesto High.

*Scott Wright (9)*

Part of the reason MHS has such a long, distinguished history is because of the pride and spirit handed down by its students and faculty through the years.

*Dixie Weststeyn (11)*



A Panther is a large wild cat; he is very strong, clever and skillful. Pride is a pleasurable feeling of satisfaction, dignity, honor, and most of all, spirit. I am proud to be a Panther!

*Carla Jarvis (10)*

I sincerely hope that MHS keeps on going for another 100 years because to me Modesto High is my second home.

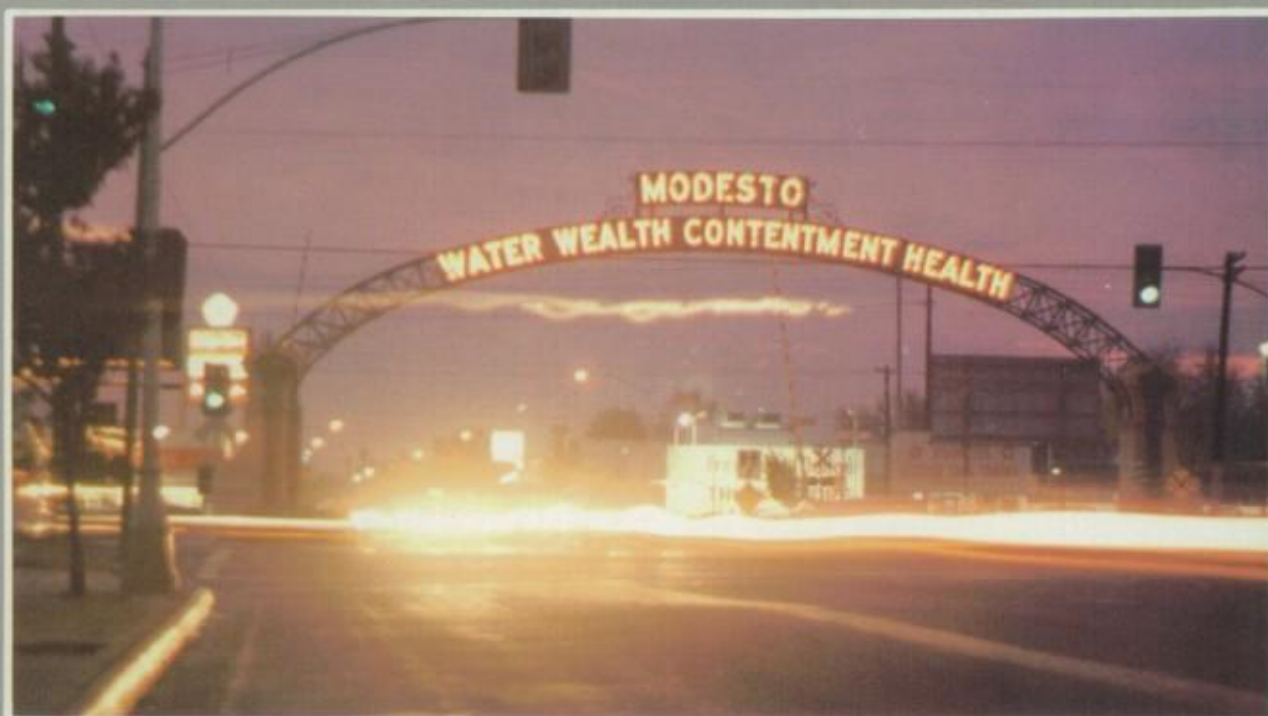
*Jose Vera (10)*



Winter overcast is a common feature of Stanislaus County. In early morning, the light fog reveals the sight of a lonely live oak tree.

Lynne Gorne, Berry Doll, and Julie Emig find the front lawn a good place to congregate at lunch time.

"The Arch," long-time symbol of the City of Modesto, is a beautiful sight at sunset.



## Around & About

**T**he environment of today is a definite influence on our society. Ranging from the development and growth in the city to the nature out in the country to the social groups one associates with, the environment is one of the major factors shaping students' personalities.

There are two different worlds in Stanislaus County: the hectic business and industrial interests of a rapidly-expanding metropolitan center, and the more tranquil nature of the nearby country life. The last few years have seen many changes in this environment, both good and bad.

Objectionable elements include the area's increase in smog, unemployment and crime. Positive elements include the increase in the number of people who are striving to

clean up the city's pollution and improve its civic and cultural offerings.

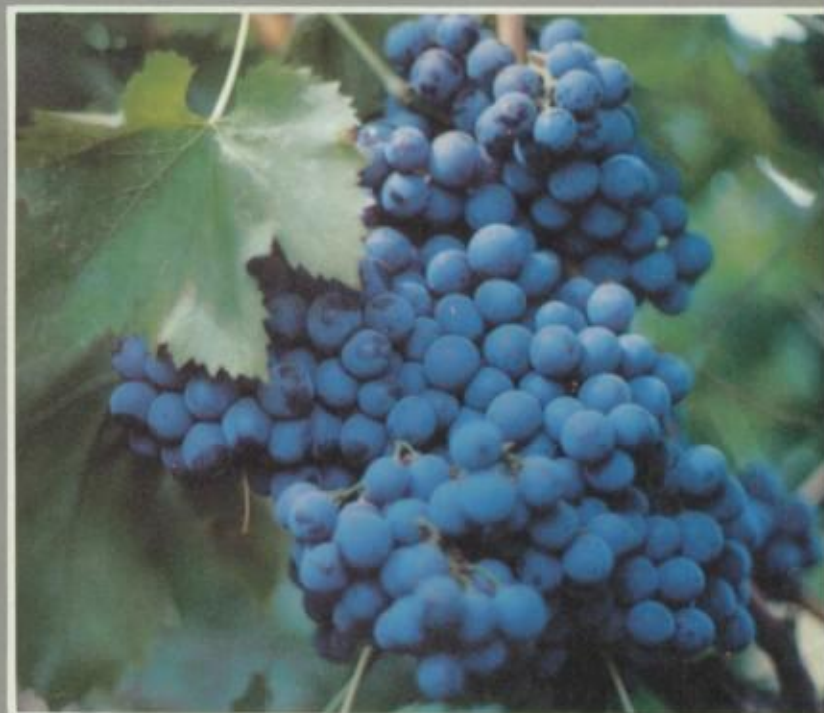
Many of the activities in our community are related to MHS, such as the celebrations for the Centennial. In addition to the usual student activities of rallies, assemblies, dress-up days, and special "weeks," the community-wide Centennial Committee planned and promoted a year-long series of special celebrations. Among the more notable were the Fall Harvest Barbeque in September, the Musical Extravaganza on March 11 and 12, An Evening with James Algar on May 6, and the Centennial Homecoming Week of May 30 to June 5. The outpouring of support and interest which these and other activities have shown for MHS have sent the Panthers off to a good start on their second century!







The fruit from thousands of acres of vineyards is an important part of the environment around Modesto.



"Cal Worthington and his panther, Spot," more commonly known as faculty member Manuel Gonsalves and his guide dog Ty, step forward as a part of the "Friday Night Live" gang at the faculty rally.



Veronica Vasquez, Leslie Anglim, Lori Howell, Chris Bell and Michelle Simar join in the fun of Crazy Day.

Center David Absher takes a break on the sidelines as he waits for the Panthers to recover control of the ball.

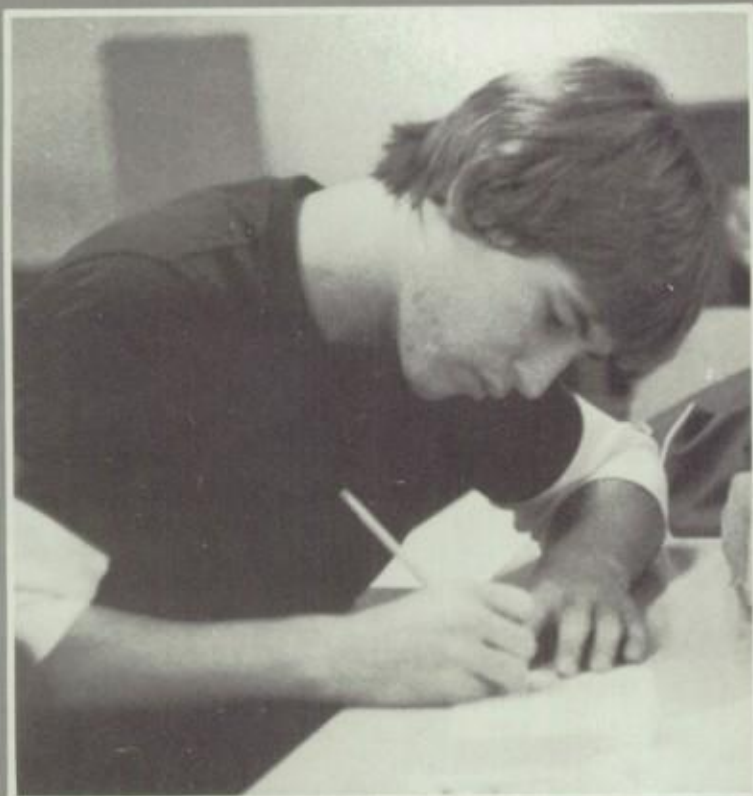


Modesto High means a lot of new things to me, especially its traditions. The Centennial Celebration makes my entrance into MHS even more memorable.  
—Bobby Dollar



Making good use of her lunch time, Dianne McHale prepares for an afternoon class.

Jon Green completes the records for his assignment in the Data Processing class.



## Hitting the Books

by John Hallford

**A**lthough academic and elective courses have changed greatly over the years, the books with which they are taught have remained much the same, with periodic updates in form or method or facts. Their purpose has also remained the same: to instruct students in academic areas of their lives, and to teach special skills; this is true both in such courses as English and mathematics on the academic side and electronics and drafting on the elective or vocational side.

Regardless of what type of course they were taking, students occasionally found it necessary to use textbooks or risk failing the course. Whether the course was academic or vocational, required or elective, books were essential to the instruc-

tional program. They have been and will continue to be, at least until computers become more economical, the backbone of the educational system. They are the repositories for every bit of factual information the world possesses. The ease with which books may be obtained made it possible for students to find almost anything they wanted to know about through research at the local library.

There was no substitute for studying if students expected to earn decent grades. From a few minutes to a few hours, nearly everyone spent their afternoons or evenings in reading and review for the next day, or tried to "sneak in a quick brush-up" at break or lunch time, for it was generally agreed that preparation was necessary for most classes.

Extra-curricular activities have

long played an important part in the lives of high school students. The activities of clubs and organizations were mainly centered around course offerings and athletic teams. These activities, although secondary to the basic educational program, played a large part in shaping students' lives. For some, extra-curricular activities took up more of their time than did academics.

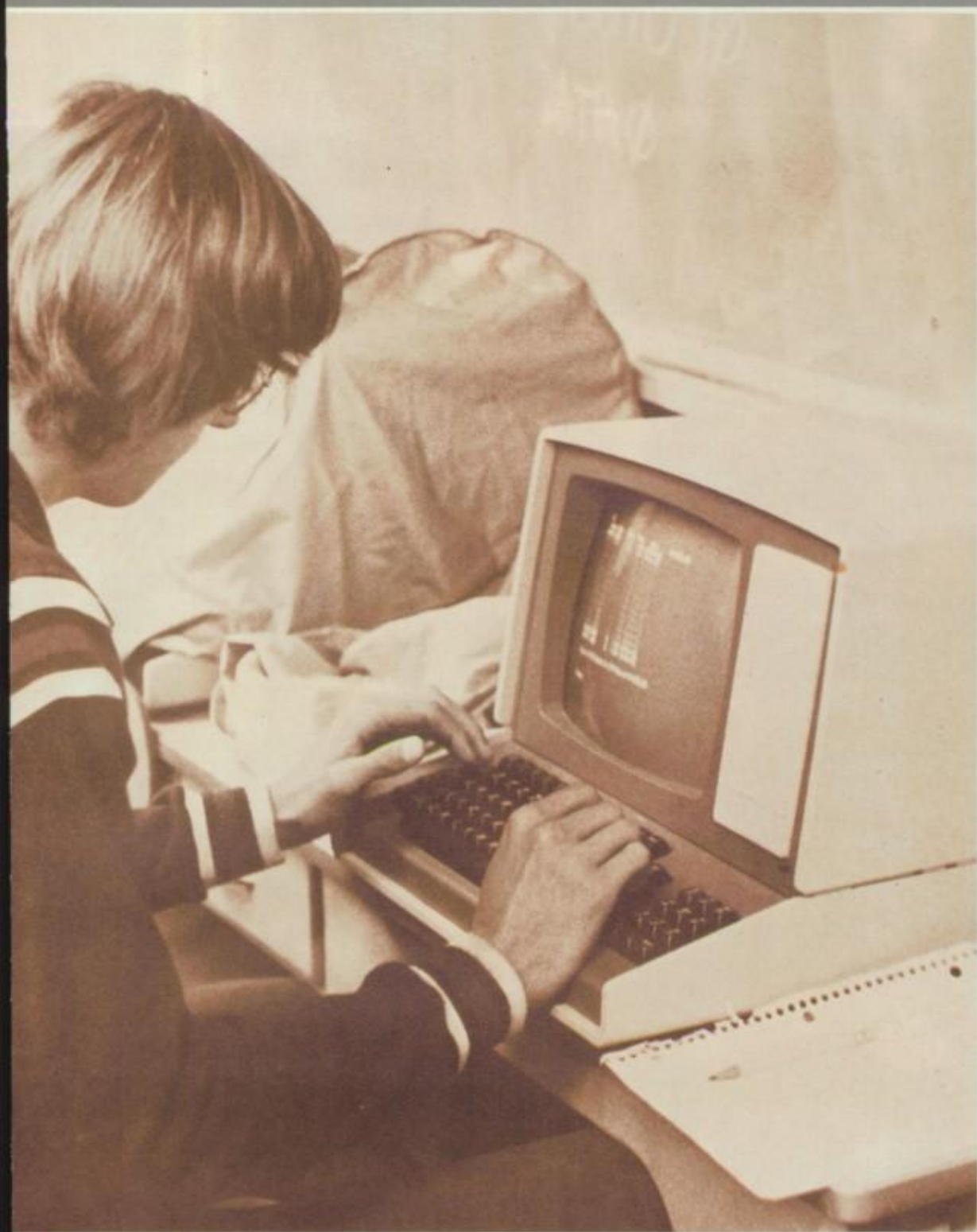
MHS was fortunate to have many activities during the year which provided everyone an opportunity to participate, regardless of whether they belonged to an organization or not. As a result of the Centennial Celebration, students were strongly encouraged to participate in the festivities, of which there was a wide variety, with one or more suited to even the most discriminating taste.

High school is the place where you begin to prepare yourself for the future. I can't think of a better place than MHS to do just that!

—Sonia Cueto

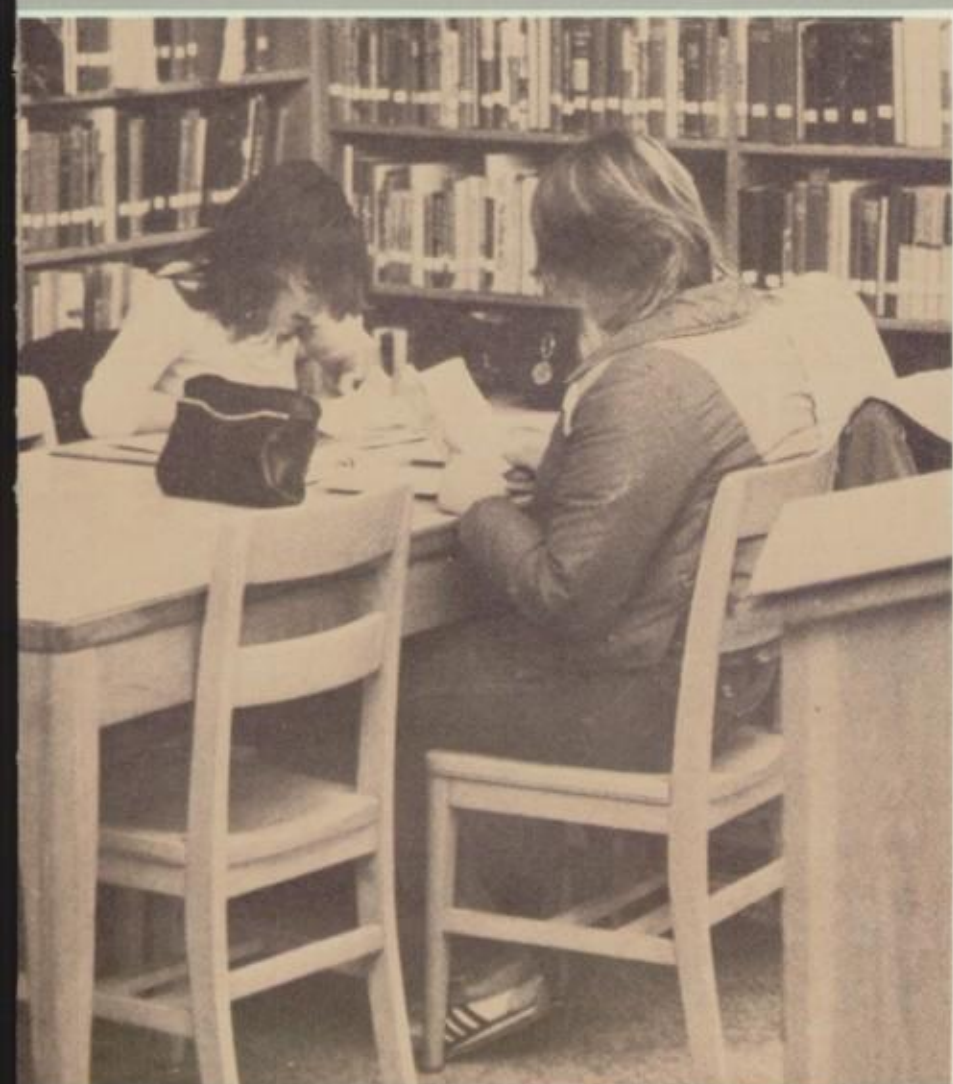






While working on one of Modesto High's new computers, Bill Hartzel takes a look at the directory for his account.

As sixth period nears its end, Ron Smith's advanced algebra class busily works on the next day's assignment.



Sylvia Chavez and Diane Ranuio prepare lab reports for their second period advanced biology class.

The library offers a convenient spot for Margaret Everson and Yolanda Marcoff to catch up on their homework.



"Burnouts" Steve Bolton, Leonard Donaldson, Herb Collier, Pam Lloyd, Lora Bryant and Jess Holmes take time out from "Marlborough Country" to pose for the camera.

"Rah-rahs" Susie Beckwith, Pam Ketchum and Kim Haarberg chat with friends in the courtyard.

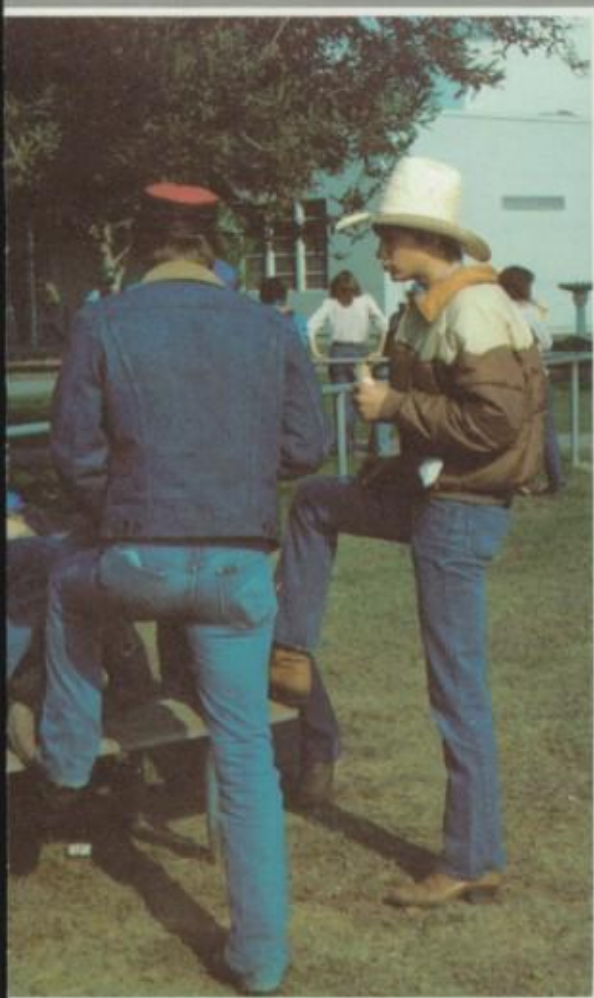


"High Performance Boys" Gary Godbey, Robert Edmonds, Jennifer Hartley, Joe Allen, Bobby Dalton, John Davies, Beno Villareal, Jeff Creighton, Willie Passalaqua, Tony Zalaco, Carl Staton, Roy Edmonds and Joe Todero enjoy a break by the Ag Compound.

While Dennis Wend strikes up a conversation with Stephanie Heersink, Sandra Contreras, Karin Smith, Gina Bettencourt, Tracy Weiford, Penny Grace and Nora Milchen observe the noon-time antics of the jocks in the courtyard.







"Cowboys" Steve Rosenow and Brian Brooks enjoy a typical lunch at their usual spot in the courtyard.

Patrick Peterson, Tim Blueford, Carla Jarvis, Brennita Norris, Samantha Lee, Sabrina Oliney, Jacy Lee, Charlita Crane, Ron Smith and Carol Guyton "jive" with each other on the front steps.



"Lowriders" Clyde Simpson, Roman Rosas, Jesse Cardoza, Raymond Cortez, Paul Borja, Nick Martinez, Eddie Escamilla, Mike Rodriguez, Rick Gonzalez and Gary Conchola proudly pose in front of a Chevy Impala.



## Join the Crowd

by David Hodges

**W**hat do cowboys, lowriders, rah-rahs, blacks, burnouts and jocks have in common? They are all major social groups at Modesto High. Each clique is unique in some way—making the social circle on this campus distinctive.

Cowboys (and cowgirls) could be spotted almost anywhere, decked out in traditional western attire: jeans, boots, western shirt, belt and buckle, and a hat of some sort. Cowboys usually hung out in the courtyard, "shooting the bull."

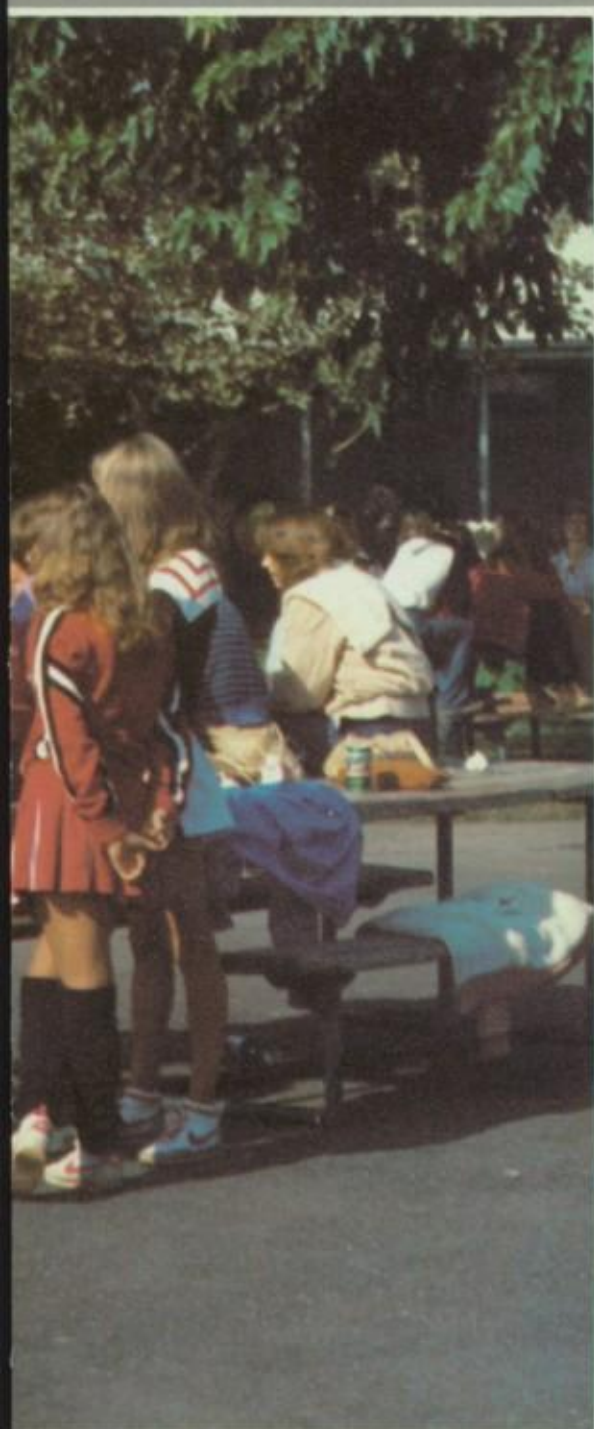
Lowriders adopted the front of the school, the alley by the auto shop, or the main hall, or cruised around the school playing oldies and soul music. Clothes were baggy pants, jackets, and "shiners" or "Mary Janes" (shoes). Many wore black "friendship bands" around their wrists.

Rah-rahs usually hung out in the courtyard along with the aggies. They had more school spirit than the majority of the students, participating almost 100% on dress-up days.

Blacks were found in the main hall near the panther, on the front steps, or mixing with one of the other groups; many of the guys spent time with other athletes, while the girls often joined other cheerleaders.

Burnouts preferred the smoking area of the school. They usually had less enthusiasm about school spirit than jocks or rah-rahs, but fit in well in their own social groove.

Jocks were not necessarily an exclusive group; their ranks changed with the seasons, and many often hung out with cowboys or other groups. Most jocks had plenty of spirit and Panther Pride—at least about their own favorite sport.



My generation is the first to attend MHS. All five of my older brothers and sisters have graduated. It is very exciting to be a student at this school, and I'm glad that I was here for the Centennial Celebration.

—Esteban Martinez



Ana Arrizon checks through the files in the Career Center for the "perfect job."

Sandi Grover, Lori Howell, and Beth Moore take an order from Jeremy Shuman at Baskin Robbins.

Paula Peeper cheerfully fills an order at Carl's Junior's.



## Gotta Get a Job

by Tommy Warren

**D**uring the time spent in high school, students learn the reality of seeking jobs and providing transportation. Getting to school is done by walking, driving, or riding the bus or a bicycle. Nearly everyone uses numerous ways of travel to school and their respective jobs.

Besides the frustration of having to pay a \$30 activity fee in order to participate in most extra-curricular activities at school, a transportation fee was added to the list. Starting November 15, students were asked to pay 50 cents a day to travel to and from school on the bus. If they didn't want the hassle of buying daily passes, their alternative was to purchase an all-year pass for \$67.50. Despite many valid complaints against it, and a general reduction in the number of students riding the buses, the

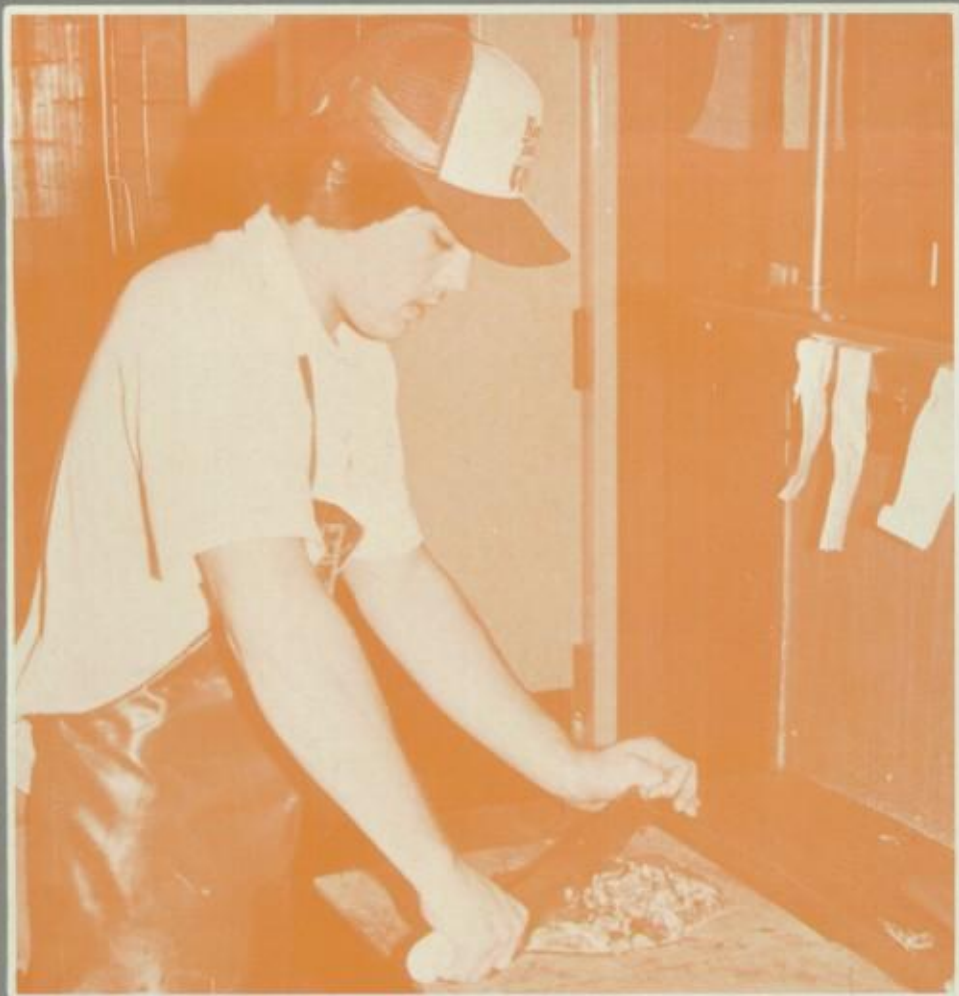
fee appeared set to become another part of everyday school life.

Jobs made many students' social lives a little easier by giving them extra money to spend on some of those hard-to-come-by "necessities." Sometimes the Regional Occupational Program, ROP, introduced students to career and job opportunities by providing "in-the-field" educational experiences. The Work Experience program enabled students to acquire on-the-job training and the experience they need to obtain the kinds of jobs they're looking for. The search for an ideal job discouraged many students, but ROP and Work Experience made the hunt a little easier.

Although good jobs and easy transportation are hard to come by while in high school, students do the best they can to cope and stay sane at the same time.







Gregg Reim cuts a fine slice of pizza at Round Table on Tully.

Promptly at 2:10 pm, hundreds of students grab their bikes and head for home.



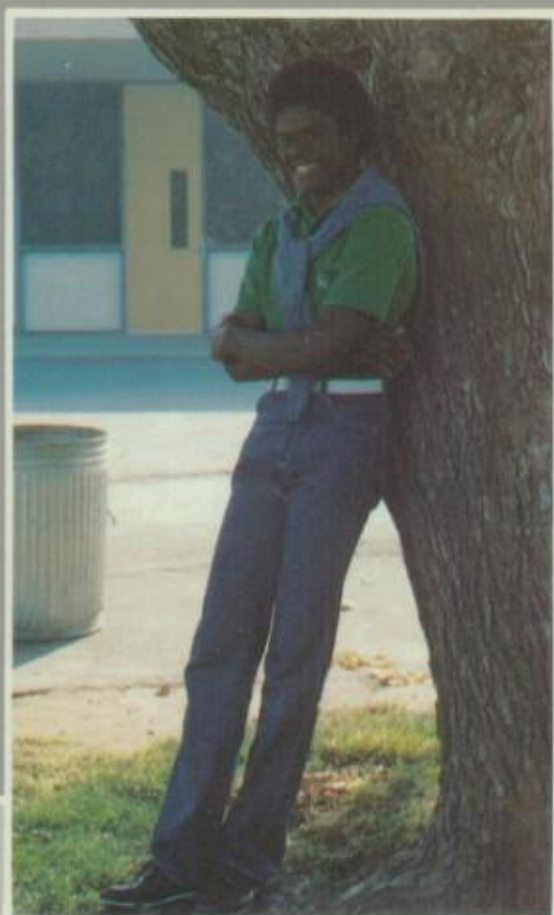
Cynthia Cisneros purchases one of the controversial Bus Passes from Mrs. Sharon Fujii in the Bookroom.

Lynn Polk hands in her application form to Mrs. Beve Streeter at the Career Center.



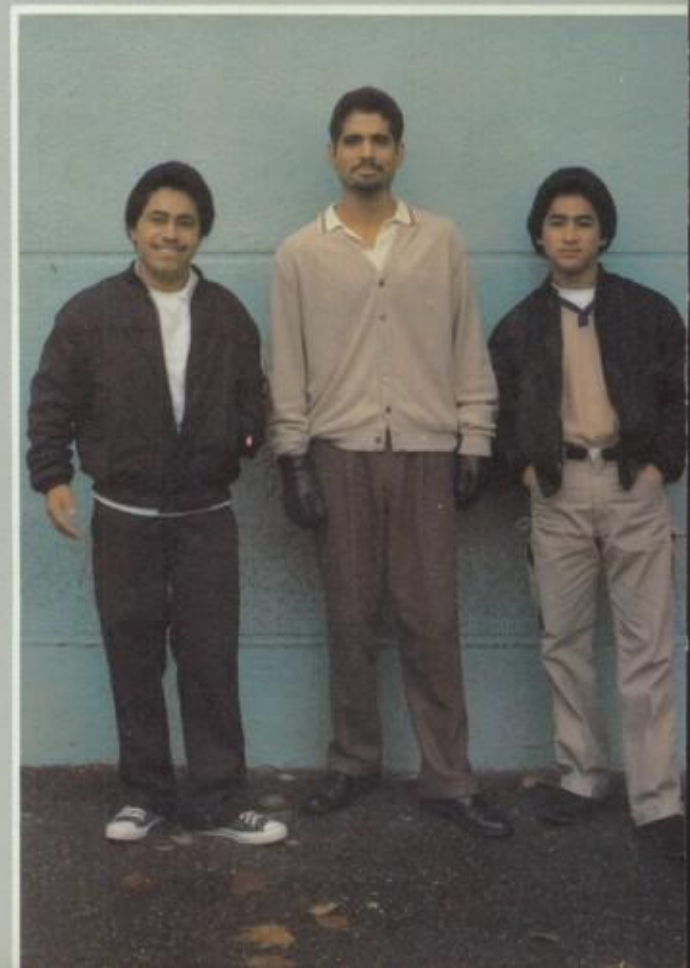
Showing the varying styles of the Western and Prairie Look, Dianne McHale, Nadine Nunes, Anne Verissimo, Isaura Silveira, Jennifer Azevedo, and Stephanie Frazier enjoy their lunchtime in the courtyard.

Senior Tommy Warren is noted for dressing with the popular Preppy Look.



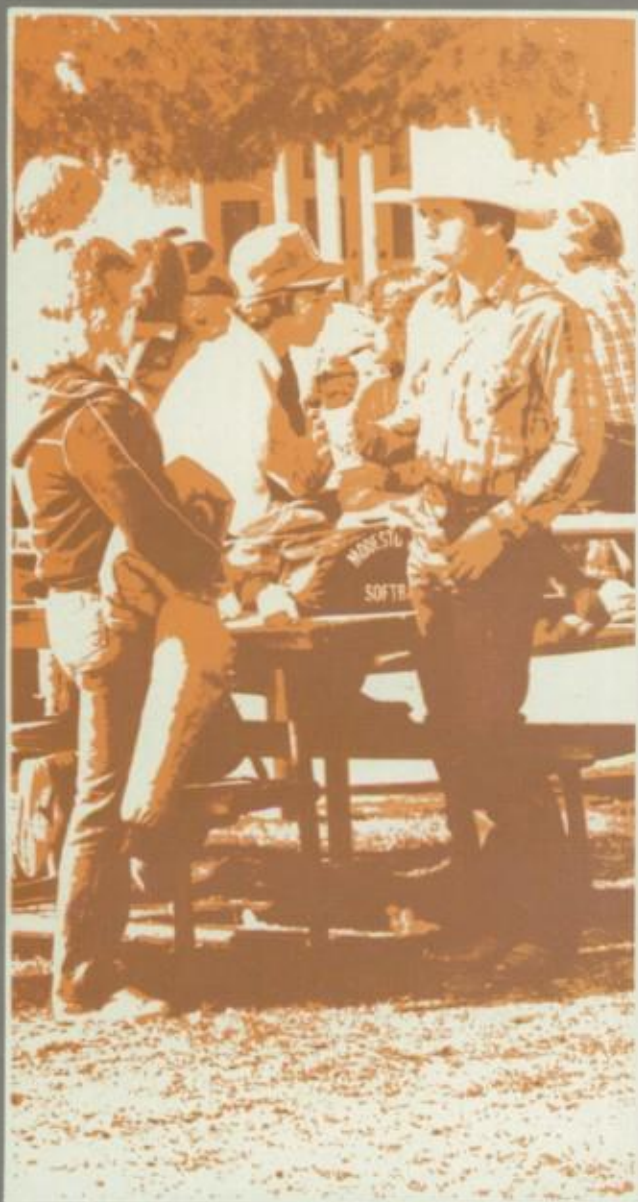
A small sampling of the many designer jeans seen around campus is lined up for a portrait.

Displaying the typical lowrider outfit, Eddie Escamilla, Mike Rodriguez, and Paul Borja help hold up their favorite wall of the school.





Cowboys Stacy Lanphear, Gary Coonce, Nadine Nunes and Tony Louis relax in their favorite spot during lunch.



Monica Contreras, Pat Garcia, Gregg Reim, Sam Cousins, Camilla Tillman, and Sabrina Farris display the diversity in hair styles popular among MHS students.



Tennis shoes of all kinds, various boot styles, and clogs are only a small example of the variety of shoes walking around campus.



# Stylin' to the Max

by Connie Dias

They say that clothes make the person and personalities are reflected in the clothes of their wearers. Students at MHS are no exception. Each tries to wear the clothes that best reveal his or her own personality. From Western to New Wave, Panthers have it all.

Despite the inroads of some new styles, many old ones remained very much in vogue this year. The Western Look was still popular, especially with the Aggies. Traditional western shirts were worn with blue jeans, cowboy boots and a hat or cap completed the outfit.

Junior Martin McCarthy, who likes the Western Look, stated, "I like to wear western shirts with my wranglers and expensive belt which has my name on it. It's got class."

The Prairie look was popular with

the girls. A sort of modified Western Look, the outfits consisted of a ruffled or western blouse with a skirt and cowboy boots. Blue jeans were still popular around campus.

The Preppie look hasn't made a very big impact, but just the same, it was always possible to see shirts being worn with a fox, alligator, or other insignia on them. A pair of 501's went well with the shirts after you'd washed them 3 or 4 times like the label says.

There were other styles too, such as lowrider, casual, or just plain sloppy. The latest was the New Wave look. If you like combining mini-skirts, polka-dots, and pump heels, this was 'The Style' for you.

"I like the New Wave look, especially the mini-skirts. I think they look good on everyone," stated

junior Kashmir Gill.

A fashion accessory that has remained popular for several years is hats. As usual, this year there were all kinds of styles to match the different personalities of students. From baseball and farmer caps to bandanas worn around the head, and from plain to extremely fancy cowboy hats, each student wore their favorite headgear proudly.

Hair styles, just as clothing styles, varied. Whether worn long or short, in a perm or feathered, in an afro or curled all the way around, students cared about presenting the best appearance they could.

Fashions come and go; each year there are scads of new styles. But no matter what MHS students were wearing, you could be sure we were stylin' to the max.

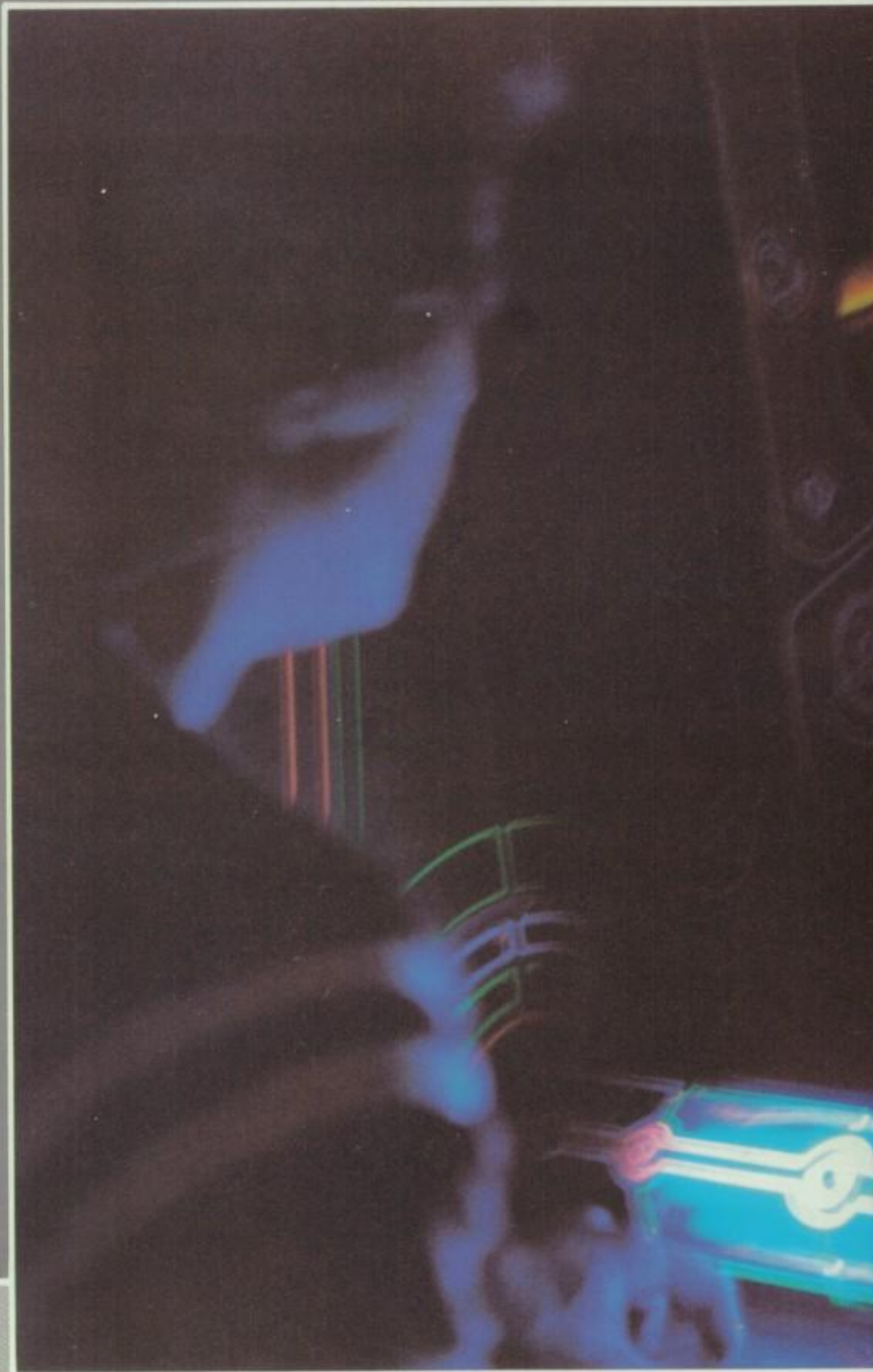


I'm a new student at MHS this year, and it seems that I got here just in time. I'm glad I had the chance to become a part of Modesto High's history by celebrating the Centennial. —Gilbert Sianez



The 80's brought the popular pastime of video games into students' daily activities; many became "addicted" to their favorites, such as *Pac-Man*, *Tron*, and *Donkey-Kong*, playing for hours at a time.

After eating a handful of green M & Ms, Lisa Dickson strikes her most seductive pose, confident in the "fix" they are reputed to provide.



"Varnet Buddies" Clarence Cunha, Richard Dedrick, Ryan Dunscomb, Aaron Lucero, and Irvin Chalk get together to prove the pleasures of wearing \$70 sunglasses.

Two of the best-known "MHS Cruisers" are Jeff Creighton and Bobby Norton, who use up a tank of gas every couple of days just driving around the school.

Enlightened by their trip to the theater, Clint McCullough and Bobby Norton feel that they are now prepared to talk about *ET*.

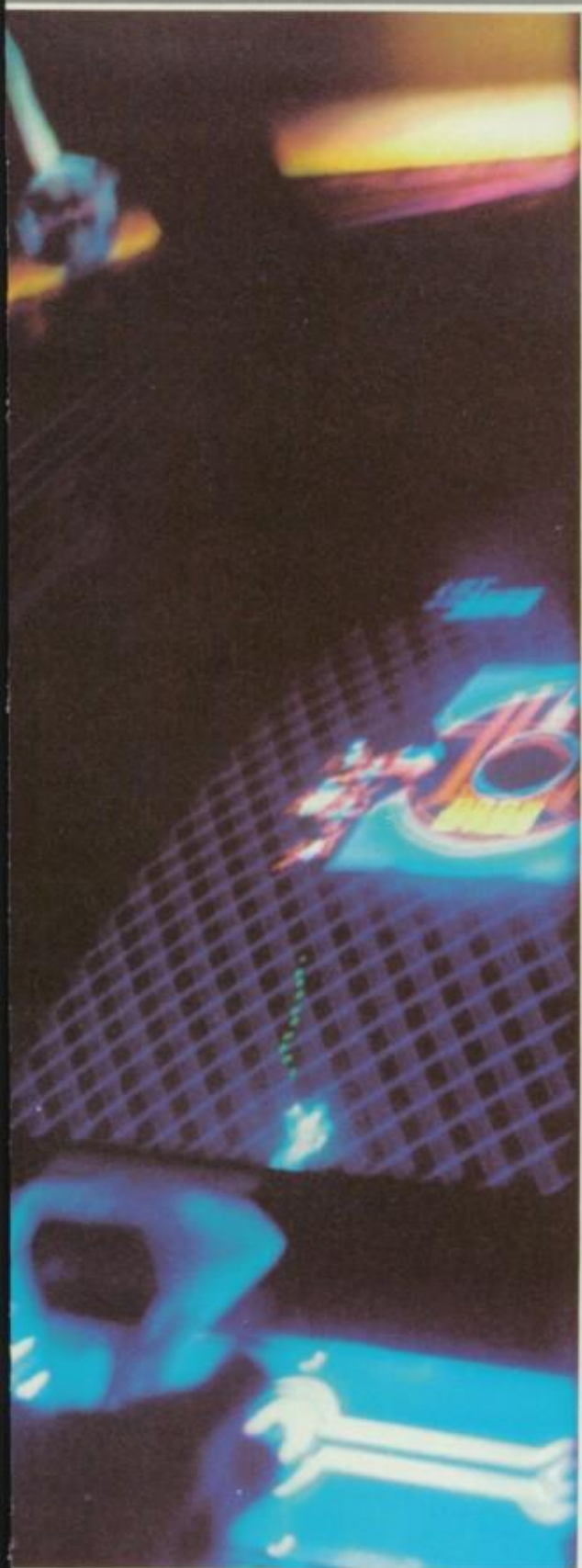


I come from a whole family of MHS students, and I am a proud pupil of a super school.

—Dianne McHale







With a look of contentment, Mike Nicholson happily listens to his Sony Walkman stereo headphones while he contemplates "revving up" his "ghetto blaster."



Carrying her fascination with Garfield the cat to unusual lengths, Georgia Bixler relaxes in the comfort of her room, surrounded by stuffed animals, posters, and other Garfield paraphernalia.



## Spirit to Spare

by Paula Peaper

**F**er sure, like gag me with a spoon, it's like, tubular, you know?" This type of speech originated with the song *Valley Girl* by Moon Zappa, and caught on quickly around MHS. At first people did it as a novelty, but it soon became a habit, and in turn became one of the most popular fads of the year.

Another popular fad was wearing varnet sunglasses. Originally designed for skiers, guys and girls found them very fashionable to wear anywhere, not to mention any season.

After a football game, a pizza parlor was the place to congregate to discuss that evening's victory or defeat. Then, it was off for a little cruisin' and home before curfew.

Cruising McHenry has been around for a long time, but MHS students invented a new cruisin' craze:

cruising the street in front of the school. One senior boy explained its popularity: "It gives me a chance to show off my truck, race, and pick up girls." Whatever the reason, it was popular for most dragsters.

Collecting green M & M's was a familiar sight. People greedily stuffed them in coat pockets or saved them in a jar. Why? According to popular lore, they contained the magical powers of an aphrodisiac.

*Extra Terrestrial* (ET) was a popular movie seen by almost everyone during the summer and fall of '82. Everyone fell in love with the cute little creature from another planet, and started buying T-shirts, dolls and posters, all with the ET logos on them. Garfield enjoyed a similar popularity; stuffed animals, theme binders, and everything in between bore the familiar cartoon design.





Isaura Silveira gets into the beat at the homecoming Dance as Aletha Kelly, Inez Silveira and Anne Verissimo enjoy the music on the crowded floor.

At the Homecoming Dance, Amber Kirksey and Billy Sciarini and Jeff Bradley and Janica Emig enjoy dancing close to a slow dance.



Stephanie Wood, Gregg Reim, Clint McCullough, Paula Peeper, Robert Berry, Dianne McHale and Stephanie Heersink enjoy the music at the Turkey Trot.

At the MASA-sponsored Halloween Dance, Beatriz Peral and her guest Alfonso Zepeda enjoy their costumes as well as the music.







While many wait this one out on the bleachers, the gym floor is full of couples enjoying a slow dance, including Robby Groves and Anna Verdone, Sandra Contreras and John Hallford, Debbie Bowling and Greg Valdez, Dalinda Angelo and Jerry Dias, Isaura Silveira and John Klink, and David Wilson and Cheri Reim.

Getting down to the beat of the latest soul music are Cirilo Vera and Sandra Villapudua at the Halloween Dance.



# Into the Swing of Things

by Janica Emig

**T**hroughout the year, students eagerly accepted the diversion and excitement of "live" entertainment by attending the many dances that were sponsored by various groups or clubs at MHS.

Beginning the new year right, the Student Council-sponsored Back To School Dance, held on September 24th, was a hit! Approximately two hundred students attended, with music provided by Master Production. The variety of music at this dance kept everyone happy and dancing. The Homecoming Dance was the second dance of the year. Sponsored by the General Rally, it was held on October 15th, and was also a well-attended dance. On October 30th, MASA sponsored a Halloween Dance. A very large crowd showed

up for this dance, with many of the people wearing their Halloween costumes, which made it even more fun. Prizes were given to those with the best costumes.

The Turkey Trot, an annual girl-ask-boy dance at the end of football season, was also a great turn-out. It was held on November 13th, and sponsored by the General Rally. Cost for this dance was \$5.50 per couple with student body cards and \$6.00 per couple without. Nite Flight provide the music for more than 175 students and guests at the pre-Thanksgiving affair.

On January 7th the Junior Class sponsored a New Years Dance. It was a fun dance, helping to celebrate the new 1983 year. In February, the Sophomore class sponsored the Hearts N' Lace Dance. It was held in

the boys gym. Music for this dance came from a sound system playing top hits. In March, Rally was back to sponsor the Basketball Homecoming Dance. Held in the cafeteria after the game, top hit records provided the music for dancing.

The Senior Dinner Dance was held April 23rd to raise money for Senior activities. The dinner was a success, and after eating, people sat around talking and visiting. The dance began at 9:00, with a disc jockey playing a variety of music for the approximately 130 people who came for the dance.

The biggest dance of the year came in May: the Prom. Sponsored by the Junior Class, it was considered one of the most successful formal dances in recent years, giving the Class of '83 a wonderful send-off.



The activities and history behind Modesto High seem to add a spark to my school year.

—John Bringas



Bobby Norton and Gregg Reim prepare to enjoy enjoy a night at Festival Cinemas, where they have their choice of six different films to watch.

Collecting all the gadgets of the electronic life, Clint McCullough prepares to kick back at home, watch TV, talk on the phone, play an electronic game, and fortify himself with liquid refreshment.



## On the Town

by Jeff Bradley

**T**he most important part of the day for some MHS students wasn't the daylight hours at all; it was during the night. What people did with their free time in the evenings made up the Night Life scene.

Cruising on a Friday or Saturday night was the main thought for many Modesto High students. Those who didn't care for cruising spent their evenings at a show or at a party, or even staying home with their families watching television.

When cruising McHenry the hot rodders showed off their cars by revving the engines at each stop light. When the light turned green they'd put the pedal to the metal and try their best to leave some rubber on the road. Sometimes, rivals would test their machines by doing a quick

race to the next light. Often, because of the tight security, they were unsuccessful. Adding to the excitement, people stood on the sidewalks waving and yelling comments to each other, hoping to catch a little attention. Unfortunately, some people got more attention than they wanted; being pulled over and given a ticket in front of all those people isn't the highlight of anyone's evening.

For those who didn't like using up their gas, taking a space in the parking lot and kicking back was the thing to do.

Going out to eat with a date or a friend was another favorite of MHS students. Some preferred the fancy places that served steaks, like Early Dawn, Black Angus or Cask and Cleaver, while others liked the simplicity of a burger and a coke at

McDonald's or Jack in the Box.

On Friday nights during the fall, many Modesto High students could be found socializing at Shakey's after the football game. Hitting the video machines or watching the big screen television occupied their time until the team arrived, after which there were numerous simultaneous conversations about the game. When the excitement of winning or the depression of losing faded, people began to leave, usually going home, although a few energetic ones would hit some late night parties.

Night Life offered students a much needed time to recuperate from the frustration and demands of a hectic day at school. Doing the things they found enjoyable, with friends who shared the same interests, made high school life a little more rewarding.





A continuous stream of lights marks the "street of action," McHenry Avenue, where the most popular pastime, cruising, is always in progress.

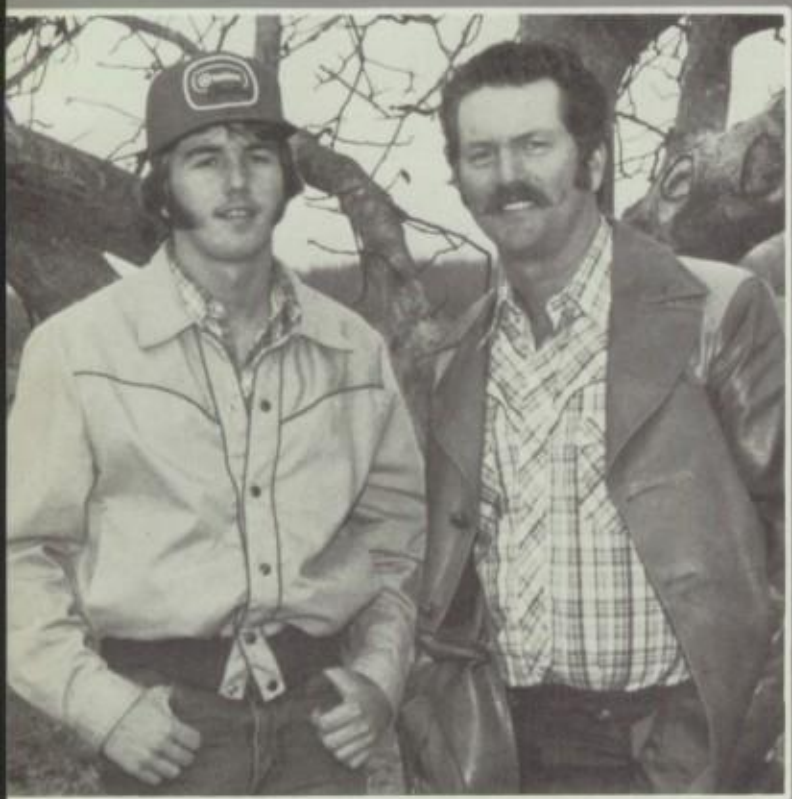
Stephanie Wood tries to concentrate on her homework while her mind wanders to more preferable activities elsewhere.



While waiting for their pizza to arrive, Gary Coonce, Bruno Spani, Juliet Costa, Dianne McHale, Sheryl Hardenbrook and David Hodges talk over the evening's game with Joe Mendonza and David Absher at Shakeys.



The Wyeth Family: Rod Wyeth, '83, and his father Jim Wyeth, '58. Grandmothers Lucille Gillette Wyeth, '37-'38, and Alice Tyra Norwood, '37-'38 were not able to be in the picture.



The Hardenbrook Family, Front: Rex Freeman, '34; Sandi Freeman Hardenbrook,

'60; Sheryl Hardenbrook, '83; Back Row: Jeff Hardenbrook, '85; Mick Hardenbrook, '80; Dwayne Hardenbrook, '58.







**The Lee Family, Front:** Melinda Lee, '84; Jacy Lee, '85; **Seated:** Charles Jr. (Buddy) Lee, '58; Barbara Louns Lee Wiggins, '37; Roger Lee, '61; **Standing:** Anthony Lee, '83; Monique Lee, '86; Harrison Lee, Sr., '59; Samantha Lee, '86; Harrison Lee, Jr., '83.

**The Howell Family:** Marilyn Schenewark Howell, '53; Lori Howell, '84; Jim Howell, '52. Grandmother Mary Collier Schenewark, '29, lives out of state and was not able to be in the picture, and grandfather Harry Howell, '16, is deceased.



## Third Generation Panthers



**by Lori Howell**  
**T**hrough the years thousands of students have occupied the classrooms at MHS. For many families, more than one generation has attended MHS during the course of the century. Among these students a few fall into the three-generation category, and fewer still can claim a four-generation heritage.

Grandmothers and grandfathers, mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles; a wealth of memories and experiences at MHS is bound up in their lives. They come from all kinds of vocations and locations; many of them still live in the area. Some of them willingly shared their memories as they posed for the photographers.

Betty McCabe Deadmond, grandmother of Loree Oaks, and a member of the only positively iden-

tified four-generation family, was a member of the first MHS Drill Team, back in 1939-40. Pulling out a snapshot, Mrs. Deadmond said, "In white satin shirts, red satin skirts, and bobby sox, we were really a sight! But what a lot of fun!"

Rex Freeman, grandfather of Sheryl and Jeff Hardenbrook, and the first of three generations to attend Hart Ransom as well as MHS, wasn't sure just what all the differences might be, but he was sure that "we were a lot smarter in those days!" After studying for a bit, he decided one big difference was chores and transportation for the country kids. "I wanted to go out for sports but I never got to. I asked my dad and he said 'That bus leaves when school is out and you'd better be on it. You've got cows to milk!'"



Richard Freitas, '85, was preceded at MHS by his father, William R. Freitas, in '65, and his grandfather, William J. Freitas, in '35.



The Hand Family, Front: Sharon Lubeck Pedloe, '80; Sandi Lubeck, '82; Janine Wilson, Van Vliet, '74. Seated: Floriene Hand Lubeck, '48; Harvey Hand, '26; Yvonne Hand Wilson, '49. Back Row: Bob Lubeck, '69; Stan Lubeck, '74; Jim Lubeck, '72; Jerry Wilson, '72.



Rory Cole, '85, was preceded at MHS by his parents, Jim Cole in '58, Gloria Jones Cole in '59, and his grandfather, Roy Jones in '34.



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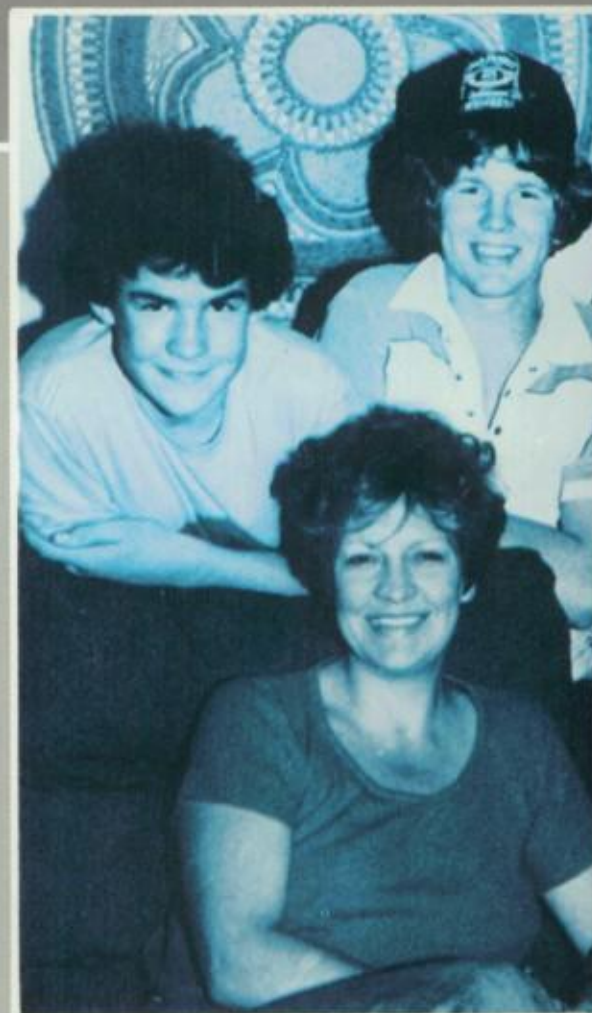
by Phil Shuman

**T**he passing of time can't dim the memories of former MHS students whose own children and grandchildren have attended "Panther Territory." Many of them obviously enjoyed sharing their recollections with younger generations.

One of the more outstanding families is that of Harvey Hand, who graduated in 1926, and whose two daughters, Floriene Lubeck and Yvonne Wilson, graduated in 1948 and '49. This family is included, even though the youngest grandchild, Sandi Lubeck, graduated in 1982, because Yvonne Wilson is a faculty member at MHS. Counting the "in-laws," a total of 15 family members are graduates. Harvey recalls playing quarterback on the football team, and being offered a college scholar-

ship, but he graduated mid-term and played semi-pro baseball for two years on a farm team for the Yankees. He spent much of that time at Salt Lake City, where he caught for Lefty Gomez.

The Lee family probably has more family members who have attended MHS than any other. Their tally shows an amazing 57 individuals! Unfortunately, not all of them were able to graduate, for, as grandmother Barbara Louns Wiggins puts it, "Times were hard in those days, and soon as the boys got to be 16, they had to go to work." She herself attended MHS in 1937, and all 10 of her children attended here. Now most of her grandchildren have passed through the MHS halls, with only six students from three families currently in attendance.



After 100 years of people walking in and out its doors, of providing a good education, of spirited screaming up and down the halls; after 100 years of all this, I'm proud that Modesto High is still going strong.  
—Lydia Alberto







**The Brunetti Family:** Richard Brunetti, Sr., '63; Eleanor Binda Brunetti, '35-'37; Richard Brunetti, Jr., '84.

**The Emens Family:** Carey, '85; Kenneth, '41; Ronald, '65.



**The Mendonza Family:** Joe Mendonza, '83; Wilma Tyra Mendonza, '36-'37; Ron Mendonza, '59; Sharyl Mendonza, '85.



**The Hoach Family:** grandmother Ceciel Van Norman Cowan Perkins, '37-'39; Kenny Hoach, '85; uncle Bill Cowan, '59. Kenny's parents did not attend MHS.

**The Hable Family:** Richard Hable, '86; Cheryl Rowe Hable, '64; Lloyd Hable, '85. Grandmother Wilma Books Rowe, '43, lives out of town and was unable to be in the picture.





# A Century

by Sandra Grover



Above: A 1958 baseball player stretches to make the catch.

Right: As Sandi Grover waits patiently for him to finish, Jeff Bradley gives Clint McCullough a "trim" at the turn-of-the-century Barber Shop in the McHenry Museum.





# of Competition



Above: Women's Archery was a basic part of the Physical Education program at MHS in 1955.

s freshman enrolled in the fall of 1979, they did not, or could not understand fully their significance as the class to graduate in Modesto High's one hundredth year. But, as the years progressed, they came to realize the important role they played in the celebration of the centennial. Not only Seniors, but underclassmen also, along with the faculty and alumni, sensed this significance. Once again the community felt proud of the old alma mater and their spirited contributions to its heritage.

In 1983, the spirit at MHS was extraordinary, not only on the campus, but also in the community of Modesto. People of all ages looked back to their high school days. Early teachers recalled the days they were just getting started. Athletes recounted their previous sports activities, with joy or with pain. Students looked back to their peers, the lasting friendships they had made and others that just didn't quite make it. No matter how they looked back on those important days, unpleasant memories started to fade, filled in turn with a great reverence for a great school.

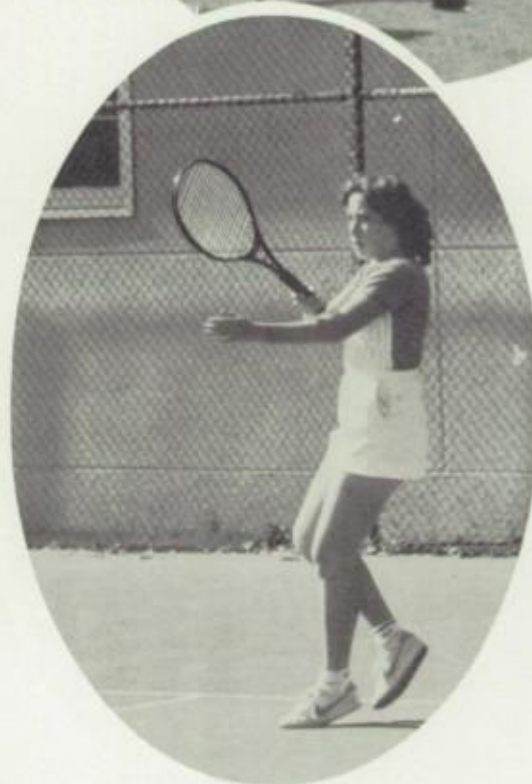
If the walls at MHS could talk, they would have marvelous stories to tell about the sports teams who have passed through its doors. It has had championship teams in every sport imaginable from football, basketball, and track, to baseball, tennis, and marksmanship. There were years when opposing teams dreaded going against the Panthers. But there were also years when luck was just not with the Red and Black, when none of the teams seemed to get it together. Rival schools laughed when it came time to play MHS, feeling a victory was in store for them. It was during these years that Panther Pride, the spirit of MHS, was molded together in an indestructible bond, remaining with students throughout their lives.

Although growing physically old, with cracked sidewalks and worn walls, the spirit of MHS lives on and flourishes. A feeling of kinship unites all who have had a part in the one hundred years of MHS. Pride fills each person with joy at being privileged to participate in the building of a great, great school.



Left: School spirit is evident as Leanne Gordon and principal Richard Lang join students in singing the school hymn.

Below: Gabriel Pacheco and Dennis Brophy pace themselves for the long run in a Cross Country meet.



Above: Senior Tennis player Dawn Hudson easily returns her opponent's serve.



# A Century of Competition



by Mike Toso

ising spirit, enthusiasm, and hard work made the MHS Centennial year a good one. Students participated not only in clubs, sports, and activities, but also helped the Student Body economy by having many fundraisers to make the most of the 100th year.

Car washes, bake sales, and numerous company products were the main kinds of profit-making activities for MHS students. Devising new ways to make money was always in process. Still, most were successful and fun to participate in.

MHS spirit has been undoubtedly high throughout most of the century, in sports, clubs, and activities. The uninhibited cheering for the Red and Black teams emphasized how much pride the students had, and the support they generously showed.



Upper Left: James Corson was a member of the 1922-23 football team; he later became Superintendent of Schools.

Center Left: Mint Howell was a member of the 1918 track team.

Left: School Spirit, as personified by "Sammy," one of the first cheerleaders, has a long tradition at MHS.

Above: Attendant Arney Corbin and King Dennis Wend join in singing the School Hymn as they reflect the thrill of being chosen male varsity members of the Fall Royalty Court.

Right: Lisa Andrews shows her skill with a spike during a volleyball game.



The players of every sport worked hard to boost their team's chances for a championship. Starting off in a new league, hopes were high for them and their coaches.

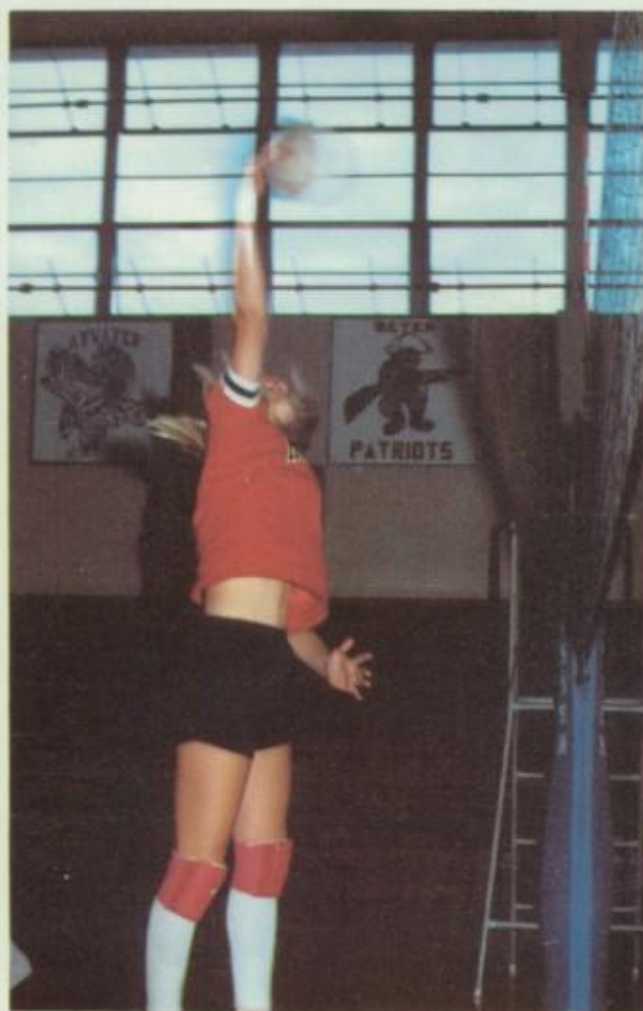
Football made its debut in the Valley Oak League this year. Backed by quarterback Dennis Wend and returning coach Butch Mendonca, the Varsity Panthers carved a new path for the Red and Black. Though new in the league, MHS proved to be a contender.

Basketball as usual had its exciting points, with a strong returning varsity that showed plenty of effort. Powerful as a team, the players gave their opponents strong competition. Wrestlers successfully grappled with new opponents, while soccer re-grouped into a co-ed format. Gymnastics competed in another active season, with the varsity and JV teams both

contending for titles. Tennis, volleyball, baseball and track showed traditional panther courage.

Fall Rally presented a highly successful Turkey Trot in November, being the best-attended fall dance in recent years. An equally successful winter event was held in January and enjoyed by everyone who went. Teachers supported the students all year long, sponsoring write-a-thons, car washes, dinners, and buying raffle tickets and film packages.

Modesto High people always manage to show their undeniable spirit and competitive courage, despite funding problems and declining involvement, by supporting each other in all activities. Being the oldest school in the city, MHS has the wisdom and pride to do its best in everything.



Upper Left: Fullback Jerry Dias leaves Davis defenders behind in the Panthers' first victory of the season.

Upper Right: Sophomore Cross Country runner Isaac Brambilla grabs first place over Manteca at a league meet, as Jaime Placencia digs in for the two-mile run.

Above Left: Aiming for the right spot on the green, golfer Richard Brunetti readies himself for a shot.

Above Right: Gymnast Pam Ketchum begins her routine on the uneven bars.



**Right:** Holding their favorite stuffed animals, Gwen Dooley and Carrie Camelio show their spirit.

**Far Right:** Susie Beckwith and Pam Ketchum come out of the closet on Punk Rock Day.

**Below:** Dalinda Angelo and Lori Howell reveal their true personalities on Crazy Day.

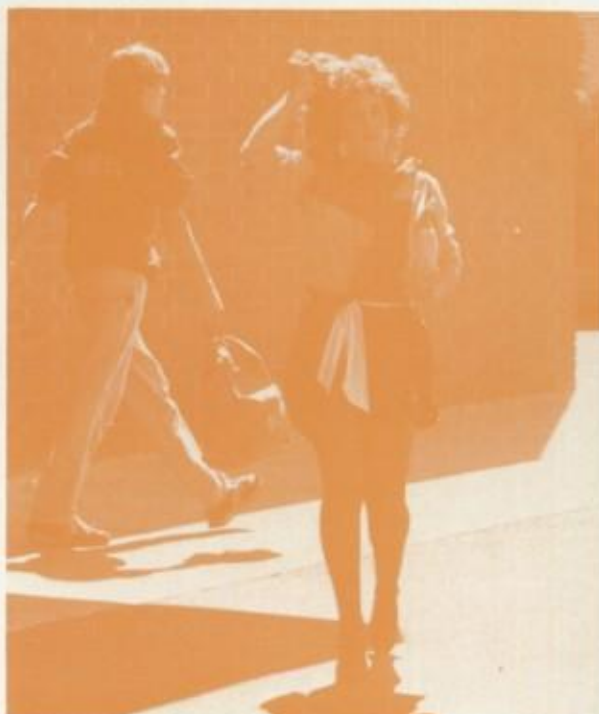


**Above:** For Crazy Day, Robin Grimes went to extremes to produce this masterpiece of Half & Half.

**Center:** Flashing their "punkiest" looks are Beth Moore, Sandi Grover, and Becky Petty.

**Right:** Punk Rocker Dianne McHale struggles to think where she's going while Troy Campbell wastes no time in getting there.

**Far Right:** Kim Haarberg and Karen Campbell "join forces" to become the craziest Siamese Twins in history.





# Spirit efforts receive welcome boost with addition of new dress-up days

by Sheryl Hardenbrook

**A**s football season gets under way every year, so do the traditional dress-up days. Sponsored by Rally, these fun-filled days were usually held on Tuesdays. Some new and different days were added to the list to go along with the perennial favorites, the newest being Military Day which had a good amount of success. Resembling Western Day was Okie Day, held during Turlock week. Students and teachers all enjoyed

this day, because they could dress in their oldest and most comfortable clothing. Kiddie Day, also among the newer dress-up days, drew a great response from the students. Being able to dress like a little kid gave them an excuse to act crazy.

The traditional dress up days: Fifties Day, Crazy Day, Stuffed Animal Day, Punk Rock Day, Hawaiian Day, and Sports Day, all gained a suprising amount of participation. As Rally com-

missioner Sabrina Farris stated, "I was suprised on some of the days because of the large participation, but we still had those that were lacking enthusiasm."

Punk Rock day seemed to be the most eagerly awaited activity day. Not only did it draw the greatest amount of participation, but also the best response from both students and faculty. The costumes displayed ranged from plastic garbage bags cut in various shapes to mini skirts and torn sweatshirts with chains of all sizes hanging from necks, arms and waists.

Crazy day also seemed to gather a lot of attention. The variety of outfits were funny and amazingly unusual. Both students and faculty displayed some outrageous costumes, each to their own liking.

Every year dress-up days prove to be fun and exciting. Students look forward to upcoming seasons to see what new and exciting dress-up days are going to be. Many of them begin planning their costumes weeks ahead of time to make sure they will be able to dress just the 'right' (or is it the wrong?) way!



Above: Kelly Davis, Kris Wing, Gina Betten-court and Anna Verdone go to all extremes on Crazy Day.

Left: "Punk Rock" twins Chris and Holly Beat-ty pause for a little cheesecake on their way to class.



This year has been great and exciting, because MHS is 100 years strong. There have been many changes over the years, but Modesto High still has Class and Spirit!  
—Paul Gerhardt



Right: Joanne Potts races to be first as she makes a "mummy" out of Chris Aldana.  
 Second Right: "Speedy" Lori Howell tracks down "Pac-Man" Sabrina Farris during the Manteca Rally.  
 Below: "Downey Beauties" Phyllis Mercer, Joanne Potts, Doreen Jenkins, Laurie Medeiros, Melinda Simpson and Leslie Anglim strut in to tell everyone about their "great" team.  
 Lower Center: Pep-O-Meter judges Ron Smith, Wayne McGhee, Jim Thrasher, Jose Guerrero, John Miller and Dee Killam listen to the loud roar of the Freshmen.



Above: Sophomore spiritleaders Brennita Norris, Kris Wing, Sabrina Oliney, Michelle Thorn, Nancy Ragar, Gina May, Lisa Negele and Tracy Weiford "okie stomp" their way through the song "Bobbie Sue."  
 Center Right: Spring Commissioner Ronelle Foust and Coca Cola's "R2-D2" discuss Modesto High from a robot's point of view.  
 Right: As Percy Panther, Chris Mihelis tries to retrieve Priscilla, Dalinda Angelo, from "Downey Knight" David Snyder, the crowd wonders what will happen next.





# Rallies lift spirits with new theme and game ideas for involvement

by Sabrina Farris

**E**ach year, Rally Commissioners and members strive to achieve two goals: present rallies that are fun to attend, and promote spirited participation. Getting students excited about supporting MHS sports teams proved to be difficult, as always.

Every Tuesday during sports season a dress-up day was planned. Using these days as theme guidelines, commissioners planned their Friday rallies based on the same idea.

The first rally designed around a dress-up day was the Hawaiian Rally. Tropical skirts and leis were worn, along with a Hawaiian style song routine. Traditional rallies held every year were the 50's rally, Punk Rock rally, and the Okie rally, all of which were enjoyed thoroughly. A new theme rally was added to the list of older ones: the Pac-Man rally. Spiritleaders performed a song routine to the song "Pac-Man Fever" and Pac-Man himself joined in on the fun. The Faculty Rally, held later in football season, was a chance

for teachers to let go and get "funky," which is exactly what they did. Seeing grown men (who usually were calm in the classroom), wear short skirts and mocking "rah-rahs" was a rare but enjoyable sight.

Whatever the rally theme was, the traditional pattern was set for each one. A 'pep yell' was led by a varsity spiritleader at the beginning of each rally, giving a boost to get things going. After each spiritleader squad performed, a skit or game was presented. Although skits were planned ahead of time, they weren't always responded to as well as games. Watching people do silly things, such as stuffing donuts in their mouths, or getting wrapped up in toilet paper, brought out the laughter of obvious enjoyment.

Students sometimes didn't know what to expect when attending a rally, but they could always count on one thing; the tradition of everyone, students and teachers, lifting the index finger high in the air and singing the popular strains of "All Hail to Thee Modesto High!"



Left: During a rally skit, spirited Panthers Kim Haarburg, Dalinda Angelo and Chris Mihelis explain how great it feels to have Panther Pride to uninvolved students Joanne Potts, Melinda Simpson, Sheryl Hardenbrook and Steve Bryant.

Above: "Joe Cools" John Hallford, Steve Bryant and Gabriel Pacheco await the cue to show their spirit during the 50's rally.



I am proud to be a Panther because we are great; we don't give up when there is little hope, we try even more!  
—John Klink



# Rally activities generate interest but participation remains limited

by David Hodges

**A**s in other years, General Rally began the fall with high spirits and great enthusiasm. Members of Rally helped maintain "Panther Pride" throughout the campus while the rally commissioners strove to fulfill their responsibilities with the participation of the student body.

Every Thursday afternoon was rally practice day. Hours of effort and occasional frustration were spent getting the rally organized and ready for its performance. If there were any major problems, they were worked out that day in order to keep the rally itself running smoothly.

While this was in progress, the many girls who signed up for various committees were hard at work painting signs, hanging them in the main hall, decorating lockers, or covering the main office windows with M's containing the players' names. A few special

signs for individual players were also prepared each week, while everyone tried to think of a new surprise to prepare for their "Secret Pal" for Friday morning.

Rally advisor Leanne Gordon was described as the "backbone" of general rally. Fall rally commissioner Sabrina Farris explained, "When it got to the point where Lori Howell and I couldn't handle the frustration, Leanne did her best to straighten out the problems."

Money-raising projects were pulled off successfully as rally members sold raffle tickets and held car washes. Panther buttons, ribbons, and pins also sold well. Winter rally members sold Kodak

Packages as an additional fundraiser while the fall homecoming dance brought a profit of \$410. Overall, general rally ended up the season breaking even moneywise, which hadn't occurred in 10 years.

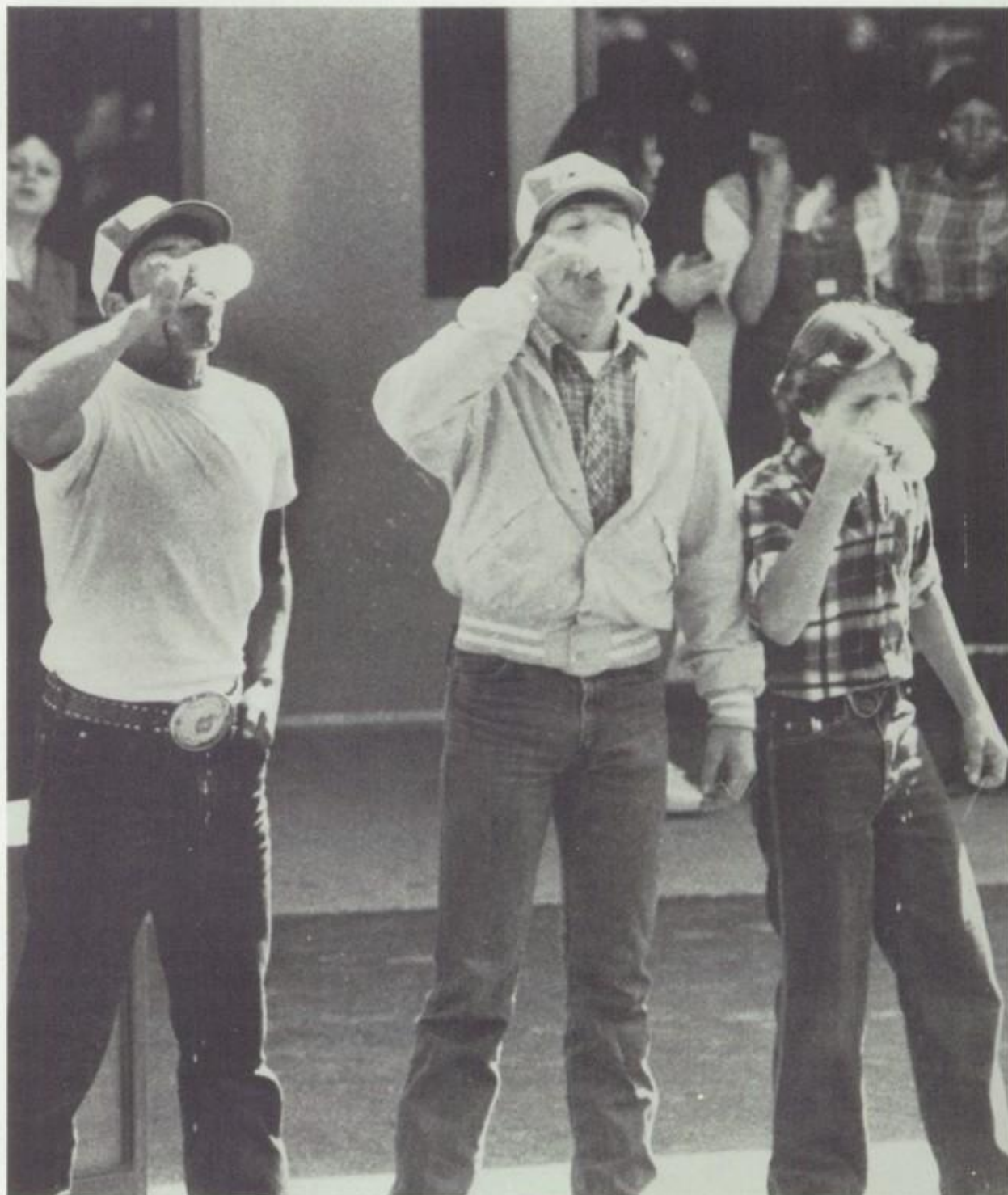
General Rally's task of promoting interest and encouraging participation in school spirit was not always an easy job. Nevertheless, most rallies and dress-up days were successful.

Summing up the success of General Rally activities for the year, fall rally commissioner Lori Howell explained, "It was a real learning experience. I think we all learned a lot about sharing responsibilities, and compromising."



Above: Sporting cowboy boots, vans and sun glasses, "rah-rahs" John Perry, Jerry Rocha and Clarence Cunha take a break from their "cheerleading" duties at the Kings Rally.

Right: During the Okie Rally, chug-a-luggers Vince Martinez, Donny Coonce and Darren Jenkins gulp down their root beers in hopes of winning the competition for their class.







Left: Juniors Shani Bentley, Kim Grimes, Dianne McHale, Dee Hughes, Loree Oaks, Ryan Edwards and Rhonda Bowling await the punch line during a fall rally skit.

Below: During an exciting basketball game against East Union, Stephanie Heersink, Dianne McHale, Kris Lee and Pam Ketchum show enthusiastic support for the Panthers.

Lower Center: Sophomore students including

Michelle Thorn, Junior Shaird, Paula Nelson, Shannon Pearson, Karen Smith and Rachel Cole participate in a class competition with the cheerleaders leading the chant.

Lower Right: Michelle Letcher, Rhonda Tate, Susan McGrath, Carla Hill, Patrick Ketchum, Tina Kennedy, Janna Rhine, Ludi Veldhuizen, Myron Warren and Kathy Verissimo join the crowd in exerting their enthusiasm at a rally.



Above, General Rally, front row: John Hallford, Chris Mihelis, Dalinda Angelo, Sabrina Farris, Lori Howell. second row: Lisa Dickson, Marlaine Magnus, Rhonda Albright, Susie Beckwith, Pam Ketchum, Danita Swinburg, Ronelle Foust, Monica Contreras, Debbie Bowling, Carla Jarvis, Rhonda Tate. third row: Lisa Negele, Tracy Weiford, Janica Emig, Veronica Vasquez, Penny Grace, Stephanie

Heersink, Yvette Loya, Cheri Reim, Holly Beatty, Juanita Garza, Chris Beatty, Sandra Contreras. fourth row: Nora Milchen, Donna De Simone, Shani Bentley, Michelle Simar, Leslie Anglim, Kim Haarberg, Stacy Hiler, Nedra Cuevas, Trena New, Erin Wray, Paula Peeper. back row: Shawyne Clark, Kim Grimes, Charlita Crane, Jacy Lee, Stephanie Presley, Catherine Mihelis, Becky Peeper.





# Commissioners and Execs struggle to overcome problems of apathy

by Sabrina Farris

**P**lanning rallies that were unique, exciting, and involved student participation was a job cut out for Rally Commissioners. Beginning in early summer, both fall and winter commissioners planned a calendar full of dress-up days, activities, and —most important— the rallies.

A rally meeting for interested students was held in late August to get committees organized and ready to go before the sports seasons began. Lists of committee heads and members were posted in the main hall to inform rally members of their individual jobs and the specific times they were needed.

Along with the job of preparing rallies each week, rally members show-

ed school pride by decorating the halls with signs and streamers.

The biggest part of decorating for each weekly game was done on Thursday. Rally Executives (junior and senior girls in rally for two or more years) were the organizers of each committee, whether it was painting signs, hall decoration, or sports appreciation. It was their job to make sure the newer rally members came and did their parts.

Early in the fall, students participated well in helping boost spirit by decorating, but as in other years,

apathy crept in and prevented the MHS campus from being well-decorated every week. As the Varsity Basketball Team led the Panthers to Conference and Section crowns, involvement again picked up with signs and streamers filling the halls and gym.

Although participation was not always large, the Rally Commissioners, along with a handful of dedicated students, managed to keep the main halls looking good in red and black to represent their support to all sports teams.



Above: During a spring rally, commissioner Monica Contreras announces the activities scheduled for the following week.

Upper Right: While rally advisor Leanne Gordon announces the Rally Girl of the Week, commissioners Lori Howell and Sabrina Farris and spiritleader advisor Denise Hewitt wait to congratulate the winner.

Right: Spring Mascots Marlaine Magnus (Priscilla) and Kim Haarburg (Percy). Second Right: Spiritleaders Lisa Negele, Camilla Tillman, Rhonda Albright and Sabrina Oliney spend time after school to paint posters for the game.







Left: Fall Mascots Dalinda Angelo (Priscilla) and Chris Mihelis (Percy).

Below, Rally Execs, front row: Janica Emig, Kim Grimes, Leanda Gunter, Sandi Grover, Marlaine

Magnus. second row: Lisa Dickson, Rhonda Albright, Doreen Jenkins, Joanne Potts, Michelle Simar. back row: Paula Peeper, Dianne McHale, Lori Howell, Beth Moore, Sabrina Farris.



Left: Mascot Kim Haarburt gleefully displays the latest style in coach Paul Abby's PJ collection.

Upper Center: Fall Rally Commissioners Lori Howell and Sabrina Farris.

Above: Spring Rally Commissioners Monica Contreras, Danita Swinburg, and Ronelle Foust.



I'm proud to be a Panther because we have a good athletic program.  
—Shane Hodge



# Varsity Spiritleaders invited to give special half-time performance

by Mike Toso

**D**evoting long hours of hard work, the Fall Varsity Spiritleaders strove to make the '82 football season a success. Beginning early in the summer, the 10-unit squad (consisting of five song and five yell leaders) held numerous fundraisers, hoping to bring in money for uniforms, camp and other needed accessories.

Attending a spirit camp in Santa Cruz, the varsity squad practiced every day on learning new and exciting routines to perform at rallies and games when the season began.

Although apathy throughout the school once again prevailed, the spiritleaders attempted to increase student participation in spirit by dressing up on designated days. Encouraging others, they designed many original costumes to display, always humorous and cleverly thought out.

To prepare for rallies the cheerleaders stayed after school the first four days each week, perfecting their yell or song routine for performance on Friday. Mrs. Denise Hewitt volunteered her time to organize and give the girls some extra help. On October 17, Mrs. Hewitt and the songleaders (including the sophomores) traveled to the Bernal Memorial Raceway in Livermore to do a half-time show. It was an exciting event for the squads and the crowd ap-

preciated them with loud applause.

Entering in the MJC annual competition, all of Modesto's squads performed. The JV yell leaders brought home a first place, while the varsity yell squad was rewarded with a second.

In years to come, the 1982 Fall Varsity Spiritleaders will look back at their season and remember, not only the problems they faced, but the good times they shared as a group, and the learning experiences as individuals.



**Above:** At the end of a noontime rally Marlaine Magnus, Connie Travao, Pam Ketchum, Kris Lee, Penny Grace, Kim Haaburg, Dalinda Angelo and Chris Mihelis sing the school hymn. **Right:** After a Panther score, varsity spiritleaders get set for the extra point.







Second Left: Varsity songleaders Marlaine Magnus and Connie Travao glide through their routine during a noontime rally.  
Left: Varsity songleader Susie Beckwith moves to the sounds of "Can't Be Beat."  
Below: With music from the MHS Pep Band, songleaders Janica Emig, Susie Beckwith, Marlaine Magnus and Connie Travao perform the traditional fight song routine.



Center Left: Showing their "jock" ability, spiritleaders Pam Ketchum, Kris Lee, Kim Haaburg, Michelle Simar and Penny Grace finish a routine at the King's Rally.  
Above: Mascot Dalinda Angelo discusses the exciting points of the game with songleaders Connie Travao and Janica Emig.  
Left: Spiritleaders Penny Grace, Kim Haaburg, Pam Ketchum and Kris Lee combine their efforts with Steve Bryant, David Snyder, John Hallford and Gabriel Pacheco for an exciting noontime routine.



Ever since I started at Modesto High I've been impressed with the pride and spirit at this school. It's just great!  
—Mike Goncalves



Right: Displaying their pyramid, Sandi Grover, Rhonda Albright, Karen Campbell, Juanita Garza and Donna De Simone hold a pose.  
Below: The "original" bunny hop is demonstrated by Janica Emig, Shanie Bentley, Donna De Simone, and Kim Grimes.  
Lower Center: Keeping the beat alive, Camilla Tillman concentrates on her steps.



Above: Rhonda Albright and Donna De Simone cheer wildly after a "two-pointer."  
Right, Spring Varsity Songleaders, front row: Kim Grimes, Janica Emig, Camilla Tillman, Cindy Harrison, Shanie Bentley. Spiritleaders, back row: Donna De Simone, Juanita Garza, Rhonda Albright, Sandi Grover.





# Varsity Spiritleaders work hard to keep up with 'Panther Pride mania'

by Tommy Warren

The 1983 year brought out many outgoing personalities with determination and drive, plus a dash of exuberant grace. These qualities were key traits of the Spring Varsity Spiritleading squad.

Working hard every day to improve yells and song routines, the squads showed an enthusiastic side of spirit at

every basketball game. Panther Pride mania burst from the gym as the spring squads used every bit of their talent to cheer the team to victory. Crowds were overflowing and exuberant, and the spirit squads matched their eagerness with unusual vigor.

The culmination of their dreams came when the team reached semi-final play in the Oakland Colliseum. Few high school spiritleaders ever get the

chance to practice their skills in such surroundings!

Consisting of six songleaders and five yell leaders, including one male who was consistent throughout the year, both squads were an inspiration to all the athletes. Attending summer camp gave them new ideas and helped them to create new routines and rallies which were all successful.

Although many of the squad members had other activities, such as sports, clubs or student government, they each managed to give daily time for practice. Under the continuing supervision of new advisor Denise Hewitt, each squad compromised when problems arose, and usually worked them out without any major hassles.

Head yell leader, Rhonda Albright, commented, "We had our ups and downs, but as a whole, our season as spiritleaders was great!"



Left: During half-time, varsity songleaders Camilla Tillman, Kim Grimes, Shanie Bentley and Janica Emig show much enthusiasm as they perform "Panthers, Panthers, you're so fine!"

Second Left: Caught in the spotlight, Cindy Harrison performs with Panther flair.

Upper Left: The Twenties come alive as Donna De Simone, Rhonda Albright, Sandi Grover and Juanita Garza lead a cheer.

Above: With spirit to spare, Marlaine Magnus, Danita Swinburg, Rhonda Albright, Shanie Bentley, Donna De Simone, Janica Emig, Cindy Harrison, Kim Grimes, Ronnelle Foust and Monica Contreras display their respect as the National Anthem is sung.



Right, Freshman Cheerleaders: Lynn Gorne, Marnie Bradford, Sherrie Brownlee, Jennifer Azevedo and Julie Emig.  
Below: Sophomore cheerleaders Tracy Weiford, Lisa Nagele, Gina May, Bernita Norris, Michelle Thorn and Kris Wing run back from the end zone after a touchdown by the Panthers.



Above, Sophomore Spiritleaders: Bernita Norris, Tracy Weiford, Lisa Nagele, Kris Wing, Gina May, Nancy Ragar and Sabrina Oliney.

Right: During the King's Rally, Nancy Ragar, Gina May and Kris Wing relax after their performance while Sheryl Mendonca and Debbie Whitworth watch for the next attraction.





# Sophomores Spiritleaders excel but lack of interest plagues frosh efforts

by Janica Emig

**A**fter their selection at the end of the '82 school year, the frosh-soph spiritleaders began the long and difficult journey to become successful cheerleading squads for the '82 football season. They quickly began to realize what a long journey it really was.

Although it had been decided that the freshman squad would be chosen before the new school season, so they could have the same chance as other

squads to go to camp and make extra money during the summer, only three girls tried out for the competition. This unfortunate circumstance left the judges no choice except to choose three more girls after school started in the fall, so that the original idea did not work out.

In June, both sophomore squads (the freshmen decided to wait) attended a cheerleading camp in Santa Cruz. The Sophomore Songleaders brought home

a second place plaque in camp competition for their routine to "Eye of the Tiger." Going to camp gave all of the girls an opportunity to perform routines in front of audiences, which for most was a new experience, since they hadn't been cheerleaders in previous years.

Staying after school everyday (along with the varsity), all of the frosh-soph spiritleaders worked diligently at producing top notch routines and yells. "The hard work paid off when the audience liked what we were doing," said Sophomore Songleader Gina May.

Experiencing the problems faced while working as a group, the freshman squad sometimes got a little behind, but by the end of the season, they were much improved as one unit.

Enthusiasm and high spirits were well displayed by both the freshman and sophomore squads. Showing their leadership and spirit boosting skills, all of the girls helped to spread the fun and excitement of belonging to MHS around to everyone.



Upper Left: Sophomore song leaders Kris Wing, Sabrina Oliney, Gina May and Nancy Ragar perform an exciting routine during a noontime rally.

Above: Freshman spiritleaders Lynn Gorne, Sherrie Brownlee, Julie Emig, Janna Rhine, Marnie Bradford and Jennifer Azevedo discuss the quality of their performance.

Left: Songleaders Sabrina Oliney, Nancy Ragar, Gina May and Kris Wing show Panther Pride by singing the traditional school hymn.

Second Left: Yell leaders Janna Rhine and Jennifer Azevedo await their turn in the Pep-O-Meter.



# Despite losses, Soph-Frosh squad strive to uphold Panther Spirit

by Sheryl Hardenbrook  
and Sabrina Farris

**T**he primary job of any spirtleading squad is to get the crowd going, and keep the spirit alive during the whole season. The JV and Frosh squads combined their efforts and ability to build enthusiasm at MHS during the basketball season.

Although promoting spirit among the underclassmen was sometimes challenging, all of the girls worked hard to set examples for the rest of their classmates. Getting a good start, the freshman squad led their class to a Pep-O-Meter win early in the season.

The spring sophomore squad consisted of four songleaders and four yell leaders. At rallies and games, the girls displayed overwhelming spirit with routines and yells that they practiced hours after school to get perfect. When

the team was losing, it was obvious by the player's faces, but the spiritleaders never let down in efforts to re-spark their energy.

The perky freshman squad consisted of four girls forming a single songleading squad. It's always difficult for freshman to perform perfect routines and maintain a high spirit level. With continuous efforts though,

their enthusiasm increased as the season progressed.

Both the frosh and JV squads agreed that their season as spiritleaders was enjoyable and well worth the hard work and extra hours spent planning and practicing routines and skits. Many hope to return in '84 to once again maintain the spirit and pride which is a traditional part of the Panther Heritage.



Above: During halftime at an overcrowded game, songleaders Charlita Crane, Holly Beatty and Chris Beatty join the line for the Bunny Hop.

Upper Right: Waiting to perform at the Fifties Rally are Julie Emig, Sharron Machado and Berrie Doll.

Right: Sophomore spiritleaders Nanette Horney, Tracy Weiford and Lisa Negele perform at the Kings' Rally.

Second Right: During the Twenties Rally Charlita Crane does the Charleston.







**Left:** Sophomores Chris Beatty, Holly Beatty, Brennita Norris and Nanette Horney hold the traditional pose in hopes of making a one-point free throw.

**Below:** Freshman yell leaders Julie Emig, Lynne Gorne and Sharon Machado get the crowd going during pre-game action.



**Above:** Holly Beatty, Chris Beatty, Tracy Weiford and Lisa Negele react with anticipation during a basketball rally.

**Left:** Sophomore Songleaders, front row: Holly Beatty, Charlita Crane, Nanette Horney, Chris Beatty. Sophomore Yell Leaders, back row: Brenitta Norris, Lisa Negele, Tracy Weiford, Sabrina Oliney.



*I am proud to be at Modesto High because the best students in the district are right here.*

*—Leroy Giovanonni*







## Women's Royalty

front: Janica Emig, *Spring Attendant*; Lisa Negele, *Spring Sophomore Queen*; Cindy Harrison, *Spring Attendant*.  
back: Nancy Ragar, *Fall Sophomore Queen*; Susie Beckwith, *Fall Attendant*; Lori Howell, *Fall Queen*; Melinda Lee, *Spring Queen*.

# Unusual event: Juniors crowned Queen

by Dianne McHale

The week of homecoming is a time when school spirit is at its highest and apathy among students seems to disappear. The campus at Modesto High is trimmed in the school colors of crimson and black and encouraging signs decorate the halls and gyms.

In the fall, the selection of royalty was hit by controversy when both the varsity queen and her attendant were juniors rather than the more usual seniors. But the final recipients of the crown were not disputed by the athletes, for they selected the girls for their hard work and dedication during

both seasons.

Fall Varsity Queen was Rally Commissioner Lori Howell. Lori was a member of Rally and was a cheerleader during her freshman and sophomore years. She was also a member of Student Council, yearbook, and participated in softball.

Elected for her support throughout the season, Susie Beckwith reigned as Fall Varsity Attendant. Susie contributed her time decorating the school as well as perfecting routines for games and rallies as a Varsity Songleader.

Gymnast Nancy Ragar received the honor of Sophomore Queen. Nancy

helped to promote spirit and enthusiasm among students by being a member of Rally as well as being a Sophomore Songleader.

Outstanding girl athlete Melinda Lee reigned as Spring Varsity Queen. Melinda was a Rally Exec and aided the Rally Commissioner in decorating the school while in track, basketball and softball.

Janica Emig and Cindy Harrison shared the honor of Spring Varsity Attendants. Both girls were involved in school activities and contributed to a winning basketball team as Varsity Songleaders.

Head Sophomore Yell Leader Lisa Negele was chosen Sophomore Queen. Lisa, an outstanding academic student, was a member of the math and science clubs, along with participating in Rally and JV Volleyball.

Through the year, many girls spend countless hours decorating the school and promoting spirit and few are rewarded for their dedication. The honor of being queen is an achievement many girls hope to attain, and appreciated greatly if chosen.



Upper Left: Seated at the throne, Spring Queen Melinda Lee admires her roses.

Upper Center: Janica Emig, Spring Varsity Attendant, laughs in amazement.

Above: Bruno Spani and Dennis Wend crown Lori Howell Fall Varsity Queen.

Left: Fall Varsity Attendant Susie Beckwith is escorted onto the field by her father Warren.

Second Left: Hector Villapudua and Jess Mendoza escort Spring Sophomore Queen Lisa Negele to the throne.

Far Left: Fall Sophomore Queen Nancy Ragar is seated on her throne by escort Shane Hodge.





## Men's Royalty

front: Sam Gonzales, *Spring King*; Arney Corbin, *Fall Attendant*.  
center: Felipe Ybarra, *Spring Attendant*; David Wilson, *Spring Sophomore King*.  
back: Jessie Mendoza, *Spring Sophomore King*; Dennis Wend, *Fall King*; Patrick Peterson, *Fall Sophomore King*.

# Dedicated athletes chosen for Royalty

by Mike Toso

When the tradition of crowning Kings first started, the event was intended to be a joke or spoof on the Queen's Rally the following week. As the years went by though, students began to take it seriously, and anxiously awaited each King's Rally.

Many male students, whether on a sports team or not, devoted time and effort in promoting school spirit and support. Members of Rally kept an eye out for those who displayed these qualities and kept them in mind when nominating and voting time came around.

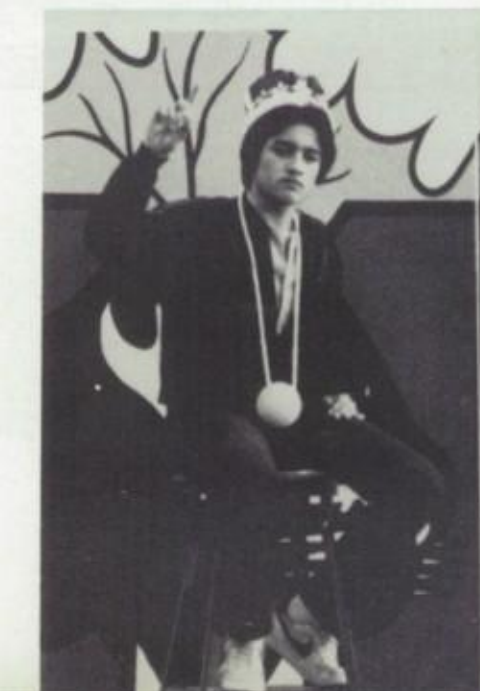
Sporting the Fall King's crown was Dennis Wend, a senior who was an all-around athlete. Dennis was the 1983 recipient of the SOS Prep Athlete of the Year award. Track and football player Arney Corbin was crowned Varsity Attendant, while sophomore standout Pat Peterson was honored as Sophomore King. All three were involved in school activities and were very deserving.

When the winter-spring season came to an end, the excitement and anticipation started all over again. Spring Rally members nominated and chose junior Sam Gonzales as Varsity King. Sam participated on the Sac-Joaquin Championship basketball team as did Dennis. Felipe "Tattoo" Ybarra was crowned Varsity Attendant. An outstanding athlete, Felipe excelled in football as a leading receiver, and also played baseball during the spring seasons.

Due to a tie in voting, Sophomores David Wilson and Jessie Mendoza

shared the title of Sophomore King. Both were all-around athletes and well-liked by their peers. David was the quarterback for the sophomore team and Jessie aided him as a strong offensive and defensive player.

To be crowned king is an honor many boys hope to receive before graduating. Although good looks, a nice personality, and involvement in sports are usually among the qualities of those chosen, commitment and dedication to Modesto High are the key factors.



Above: Kris Wing escorts Fall Sophomore King Patrick Peterson as "rah-rah" Richard Moreno congratulates him.

Center: Fall Varsity King Dennis Wend takes his seat escorted by Kim Haaburg.

Upper Left: Spring Soph Kings David Wilson and Jess Mendoza discuss their dual coronation.

Upper Right: Shanie Bentley and Monica Contreras crown Felipe Ybarra Spring Attendant.

Far Right: Newly crowned Fall Attendant Arney Corbin and King Dennis Wend await the start of the school hymn.

Right: Spring Varsity King Sam Gonzales gives the traditional "Number 1" sign as he joins in singing the school hymn.







**'The Panthers achieved much more than was expected of them. Because of some super individual efforts, they upset the CCC champs from Davis and showed the Valley Oak League there is a new team to be reckoned with.'**  
**—Butch Mendonca**



Above, Varsity Football Team, front row: Leroy Grays, Greg Barnes, Jerry Dias, Frank Cardoso, Shannon Nicholson, Butch Elinburg, Tim Blueford, Mike Toso. second row: Asst. Ben Miller, Mike Goncalves, Marcos Madrid, Marvin Davis, Tommy Warren, Maurice Bland, John Howard, Robert Berry, Coach Butch Men-

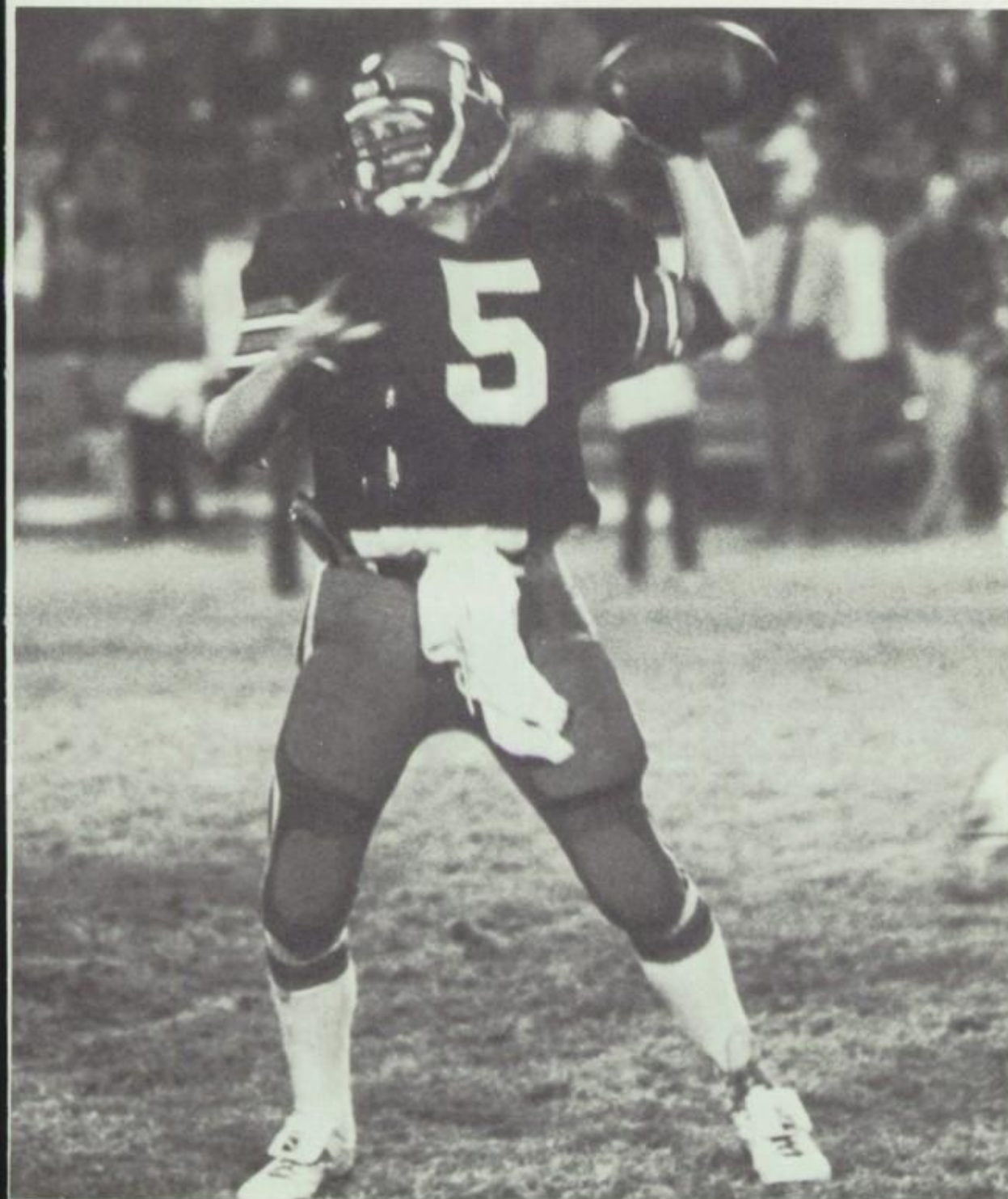
donca. third row: Asst. John Miller, Sam Cousins, Andy Gonzales, Bobby Dollar, Felipe Ybarra, Darren Teeple, Mike Dixon, Asst. Coach Mike Kiyoi. back row: Troy McCutcheon, Brian Nevitt, David Zehnder, Arnie Corbin, David Absher, Joe Mendonza, Dennis Wend, Bruno Spani.



Above: Senior Leroy Grays displays fancy footwork as he easily eludes his opponent. Upper Right: Panther linemen Joe Mendonza, Randy Dill and Frank Cardoso quickly dispose of an Oakdale opponent. Right: Sophomore Maurice Bland attempts to gain yardage on a fourth down play. Second Right: Shannon Nicholson makes a spectacular unassisted tackle.







Second Left: Wide receiver Felipe Ybarra gains yardage with another key catch.  
Left: Leading quarterback Dennis Wend concentrates downfield to an open receiver.

#### Varsity Football W-4 — L-5

Modesto	Opponent	
0	Beyer	14
8	Central	17
12	Downey	30
22	Davis	10
28	Turlock	6
21	Sonora	6
17	Manteca	27
7	Oakdale	0
8	East Union	26

## First year in VOL brings second place finish to varsity panthers

by Denise Presley  
and Rhonda Albright

**A**lthough small and inexperienced, the '82 Varsity Football Team held 13 returning seniors out of a total of 34 players participating, and threatened to be contenders in their newly-joined Valley Oak League. The most certain thing going for them was the team attitude, always ready for everyone and everything that came their way, fighting together. Team captain Dennis Wend said, "We realized what a team really is and how no one can remain an individual when there are more than just one person on the team." This unifying attitude carried the team through the ups and downs of

the entire season.

Opening the year with 3 consecutive losses to Beyer (0-12), Central (8-17), and Downey (12-30), Panther fans feared a repeat of the '81 year. Coach Butch Mendonca reassured them: "We are inexperienced right now; we haven't yet pulled together as a team." In the next game the players did come together in what proved to be the best game and turning point of the season.

The game was against Davis at MJC, and each member of the team performed his best. At halftime the score was a surprising 15-3. The rest of the game wasn't even close. The Panthers outran, outpassed, and outplayed the Spartans to a glorious 22-10 victory. That suc-

cessful team effort gave the Panthers a tremendous boost to their morale. The final non-league game was against Turlock, an easy victory by a margin of 22-6, enabling Modesto to enter league play with a record of 2-3.

The Panther's next game was against Sonora, one of their new league rivals. MHS dominated the game and in keeping with a homecoming tradition—for the last five years—prevailed with a score of 21-6.

Following the victory over Sonora the Panthers faced the Manteca Buffalos, hoping to win and secure the league co-championship. The team played tough, but plagued by injuries of key players,

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I'm proud to be a Panther because MHS is the most spirited, active, and exciting high school around!

—Ray Cox



Right: Leroy Grays assists a fellow Panther in the tackle of a Manteca opponent.

Second Right: While Brian Nevitt slows down a Downey defender, David Zehnder goes for a block.

Lower Right: Fullback Sam Cousins pushes his way through the Bulldog line to gain more yardage.

Below: Straining to make an interception, Andy Gonzales tips the ball out of bounds.



## Offense rates first in new league

couldn't quite pull it off, ending with a final score of 17-27. "The score was no indication of the way the game was played. We nearly beat a team that was bigger and had more ability than we did," stated Mike Kiyoi, defensive coordinator.

Playing on a water-soaked field and in pouring rain, the Panthers came back from that disappointment to win over Oakdale, 7-0. Ending the season with a game against East Union, the league leaders, the Panthers lost 8-26.

The team's league record thus ended 2-2, good for second place in the VOL. Their overall record was 4-5, the best in several years. Even though there were complications, the accomplishments of the group were ones that will be remembered for years to come.

Starting the year in a new league and with a limited number of returning players, the future of the Varsity Football Team was very unpredictable. Their performances in each game remained spontaneous throughout the entire season. Therefore, no one ever knew what was going to happen.

Always providing a threat, the Panthers surprised many opponents with their outstanding offensive plays. The team led the league and was eighth in the district in offense. The Panthers played a wide open game and their 'pass first, run second' philosophy kept defenses always guessing. Leading the pack was senior quarterback Dennis Wend (leading passer in the district) whose favorite targets were Felipe

Ybarra and Andy Gonzales. Also contributing to the offensive team were Leroy Grays and Jerry Dias.

The varsity team was really tough against the running plays of their opponents, rating first in the league. But as Coach Butch Mendonca put it, "It was our pass defense that killed us. We were too slow on the line and coverage of the receivers." Leading the defensive attack were senior lineman Joe Mendoca and linebackers Jerry Dias and Frank Cardoso. Assisting them were Tim Blueford and Sam Cousins, also linebackers, and defensive backs Andy Gonzales, Felipe Ybarra and Leroy Grays. Together with the offense the team gained a total of 2,336 yards while holding their opponents to 1,815 total yards.





***'It was the best team in the last 10 years; an exciting team, where we could move the ball a lot.'***  
**—Mike Kiyoi**

Second Left, Assistant Coach Mike Kiyoi  
 Left, Assistant Coach Van Valdez



**Upper Left:** Felipe "Tattoo" Ybarra makes his way down the field while Dino Quinn holds off oncoming opponents.

**Upper Right:** Fullback Jerry Dias struggles to get through Davis defenders.

**Above:** Dennis Wend and Shannon Nicholson combine efforts for the extra point.

**Left:** As a Central player rushes in for a tackle, Morey Bland prepares to defend himself with help from Bruno Spani.



**'A good group of kids but we had problems. A lack of discipline hurt the team.'**  
**—John Miller**

Right, Sophomore Coach John Miller  
 Second Right, Assistant Coach Russ Garcia



Above, Sophomore Football Team, front row: Kelly Macy, Steven Lal, Shon Williams, Jim Johnson, Jerry Rocha, Albert Cardoso, Mike Kiryakoz, Lincoln O'Keezie, Angle Guadalupe. second row: Leonard Wheaton, Walter Sutton, Jeff Hardenbrook, Bob Ott, John Perry, David Wilson, Dave Kline, Shane

Hodge, Tracy New, Tony Luis. back row: Danny Sabala, Sonny Nash, Jim McManis, Patrick Peterson, Junior Shaird, Richard Moreno, Pat Kessie, Clarence Cunha, Shawn Sickert.



#### Sophomore Football W-0 — L-9

Modesto	Opponent	
6	Beyer	9
14	Central	36
6	Downey	30
0	Davis	28
18	Turlock	21
20	Sonora	26
14	Manteca	34
14	Oakdale	33
0	East Union	14



Above: Jeff Hardenbrook and Shawn Sickert join other Panther linemen to protect the quarterback from a possible sack.

Right: A handoff from quarterback David Wilson to running back Patrick Peterson is successful as Junior Shaird provides running room. Upper Right: A Sonora player is sandwiched by Angel Guadalupe and Jeff Brown.





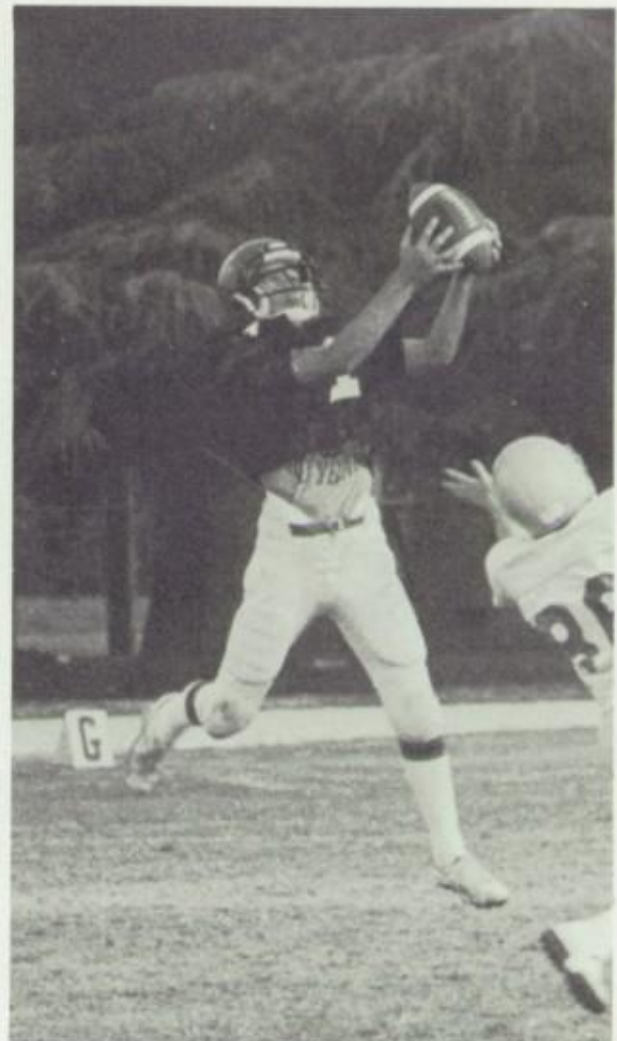


Second Left: Scrambling from a tackle attempt. Robert Ott breaks for the goal line.

Left: Breaking free from his defender, Patrick Peterson is victorious in gaining the first down.

Below: David Wilson stretches to catch a touchdown pass.

Lower Left: Brandon Mauksch, Shane Hodges, Angel Guadalupe and Robert Ott race for the fumble.



# Sophomore panthers fight lack of experience; end season in cellar

by Dianne McHale

Over the years sophomore teams have been plagued with various problems such as ineligible citizenship grades, injuries from lack of training, players changing schools, and most commonly, student apathy. The 1982 sophomore squad faced similar difficulties and their 0-8 record reflected these problems.

Composed of 36 players, the team was larger than those of recent years. However, many of the players participating were inexperienced, resulting

in a team which lacked the advanced skills and confidence most of their opponents possessed.

Trying to make up for the lack of knowledge and experience, coach John Miller, taking over for Russ Garcia, required practice every day after school for 2½ hours. Miller stated, "The boys practiced long and hard to build their skills. It was nice to see a steady improvement through the season." Even though workouts were good, the team, unfortunately, ended the season in the cellar in their new league.

Every Friday after a long week of practice and workouts, the young

sophomore team was put to the true test, The Game. Coach Miller said, "We had the ability to win every game. It was our inexperience and lack of confidence which hurt us." Usually, as in the games against Sonora and Beyer, the Panthers grabbed an early lead and showed a well-coordinated performance during the first and second quarters, but faltered against larger and better-experienced teams, and their opponents would prevail by half-time or soon after.

When asked about the season Jerry Rocha replied, "If we could have ended the games at the half we would have won most of our matches."

Modesto High is a great school and I hope it never changes.  
—Scott Wright





Freshman Football  
W-6 — L-1 — T-1

Modesto	Opponent	
14	Central	0
20	Downey	20
8	Davis	0
7	Turlock	2
26	Sonora	17
0	Manteca	14
20	Oakdale	14
27	East Union	6

Right: Getting the toss from quarterback Brian Nelson, Robert Page goes for more yardage as Esan Gomez and Jim Hendricks hold the line.  
Below: Panther linemen come up with the snap, ready to attack Sonora defenders.



## 'Purr-fect' panther kittens tie for VOL championship honors

by Sabrina Farris

**T**he 1982 Freshman Football Team could only have been described as purr-fect. The Panther kittens pulled off an outstanding 6-1-1 victorious season, which crowned them Valley Oak League co-champions, sharing the honor with out-of-town rival Manteca. With their six victories and only one loss, the frosh squad maintained an exciting atmosphere which was present not only at games, but throughout the campus.

Starting off the season with a win against Beyer, 18-16, Modesto's

youngest team carried their fiery spirit into the following week, defeating Central 12-0. But cross-town rival Downey gave them a tough bout, showing up in a 20-20 tie score.

Continuing to outplay, outrun, and outscore opponents, the Panther Kittens went on to defeat Davis, Turlock, Sonora, Oakdale, and East Union. Three of those games were important league matches. Brian Nelson, freshman quarterback, said, "The team's unity was the main factor in our winning season. The outstanding efforts of the coaching staff also helped us out a lot."

Picked as the most valuable players for the '82 season were Robert Page and Ron Ramm, along with Brian Nelson whose efforts paid off with a Most Improved Award. Other key players who saw action for both offense and defense were Carl Gisler, Dave Baker, Jim Hendricks, Louie Garcia, David Ramirez, Joe Romo, and Ricky Arias.

Assistant coach Marty Boer summed up the season by saying, "It was very enjoyable to have a winning season and a tie for the championship. But it was even more gratifying to see the progress and development of a group of fine young men."





*'They did a good job but  
couldn't quite go all the way  
because of a lack of effort.'*  
—Paul Abby

Second Left, Freshman Coach Paul Abby  
Left, Freshman Assistant Marty Boer



Above, Freshman Football Team, front row: David Dickson, Darrin Hawkins, Cornell Morrow, Lee Jarvis, Fred Batt, Pat Ketchum, Brian Rivera, Craig Early, Eric Grimes, Mario Gonzales, Robert Page, David Ramirez, Scott Wright, Mark Oreglia, Jerry Fox, Dennis Whitworth. second row: Don Sabala, Joe Romo, Louie Bland, Fred Davis, Carlos Peral, Danny

Sabala, Ron Ram, Bob Holloway, Troy Glenn, Veeray Lout, Jim Hendricks, Tommy Ortiz, Jim Dunn, Cruz Diaz, Rick Arias, Israel De la Rosa. back row: Tony Buenrostro, Louie Figueroa, Gary Peck, Bill Sciarini, John Sutter, Carl Gisler, Robert Anderson, Charles Long, Myron Warren, Richard Rushing, Brian Nelson, Dave Baker, Don Worsham, Rob Newburn, Esan Gomez.



Upper Left: Thinking about his next move, Robert Page easily catches the ball for another first down.

Upper Center: With the help of Brian Nelson, Rick Arias goes for another successful kick.

Above: Pat Ketchum puts the hold on a Beyer opponent.

Left: Flankers Cornell Morrow and Louis Garcia prepare to put an end to an opponent's run after having intercepted a pass.

Second Left: Louie Garcia completes the catch before an opponent gets him from behind.



Right: Running against the wind, Tony Angel strains to better his time.

# Sophomore harriers run away with league championship

by Tommy Warren

**D**ue to dedication and hard workouts the Cross Country Team proved to be tough competition for defenders during their first VOL season. Striving to be in their best shape before each meet, the runners stayed after school each day to run and improve their times when possible.

Coach Jose Guerrero kept each runner on his or her toes by requiring them to run a lap around the Dryden Golf course every afternoon. Lifting weights a couple of times a week helped them to run even better.

The Cross Country Team produced

some outstanding athletes for the year, including Mario Alcala, Luis Madrigal, and John Shaw, who took the championship in the VOL for individuals. The accomplishments of these people, along with the other members, gave the team third overall in the league. Sophomores were fortunate enough to place first in the league.

Inspired by the movie "Chariots of Fire" junior standout John Shaw stated, "I couldn't have done as well as I did without the help of my teammates, the movie, and Coach Guerrero. I could feel the "Panther Pride" behind me all the way."

No longer the smallest team in the league, the Panther's additional runners helped provide depth to each performance. The improved quantity gave more quality.

The Girl's Cross Country Team, although small, had an exceptional year. Sophomore Yolanda Madrigal and freshman Becky Peeper proved that even underclassmen can be competitive by making it to the sub-sectionals.

Each member of the Cross Country Team continuously strove to improve him or herself, proving once again that no matter how hard the competition is, Panthers don't give in easily.



Above: Freshman Cross Country runner Mike Styles makes use of his "on the trail know-how" to increase the distance between himself and his opponents.

Upper Right: Leading the pack are Panther runners Jose Brambila, Jaime Plascencia, and Larry Peterson.

Second Right: Giving it their all, Becky Peeper and Yolanda Madrigal stay on the trail.

Right: On the road again, Dennis Brophy and Gabriel "Gabby" Pacheco leave their opponents out of sight.







*'They have a good record, and with 30 players, both varsity and JV have a good chance of winning next year's league championship.'*  
**—Jose Guerrero**

Left, Cross Country Coach Jose Guerrero



Above, Cross Country Team, front row: Betty Chaves, Jennifer Jackson, Gwen Dooley, Yolanda Madrigal, Becky Peeper, Deanna Rodriguez, Sarah Gonzalez. second row: Hector Barraza, Larry Peterson, Mike Alberto, Artero Tello, Jose Brambila, Jaime Plascencia, Pedro Dominguez,

Justin Smith, Jose Sarmiento, Chris Waldo. back row: Matt Styles, Gabriel Pacheco, Troy Campbell, Dennis Brophy, Carlos Pineo, Luis Madrigal, Juan Esparza, Tony Angel, John Shaw, Barry Peterson, Ingacio Bravo, Mario Alcala, coach Jose Guerrero.



Above: Looking for the finish line, Juan Esparza anticipates the end of a tiring race.  
 Left: Doing what he does best is VOL champion John Shaw, on his way to another victory.

#### Varsity Cross Country W-3 — L-2

Modesto	Opponent	
W	Oakdale	L
L	Sonora	W
W	Manteca	L
W	East Union	L
3	League Meet	



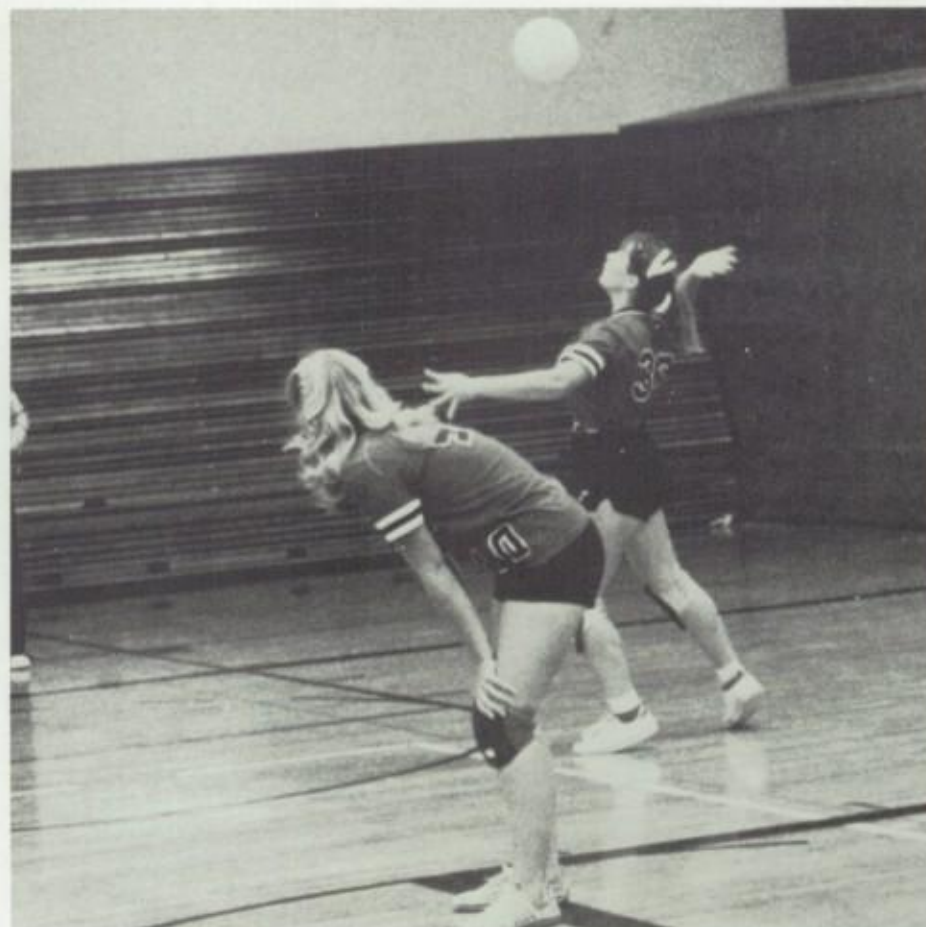
*Modesto High School is the very best and I hope there will be plenty more celebrations to come.*  
**—Sandra Perez**



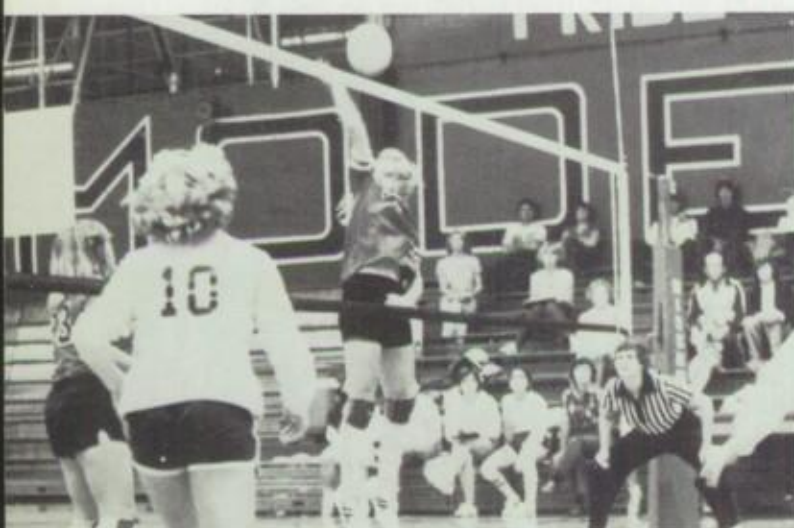


Right, Volleyball Coach Rene Lindberg  
Second Right: Taking careful aim, Denise Presley serves while Sheryl Mendonza watches.

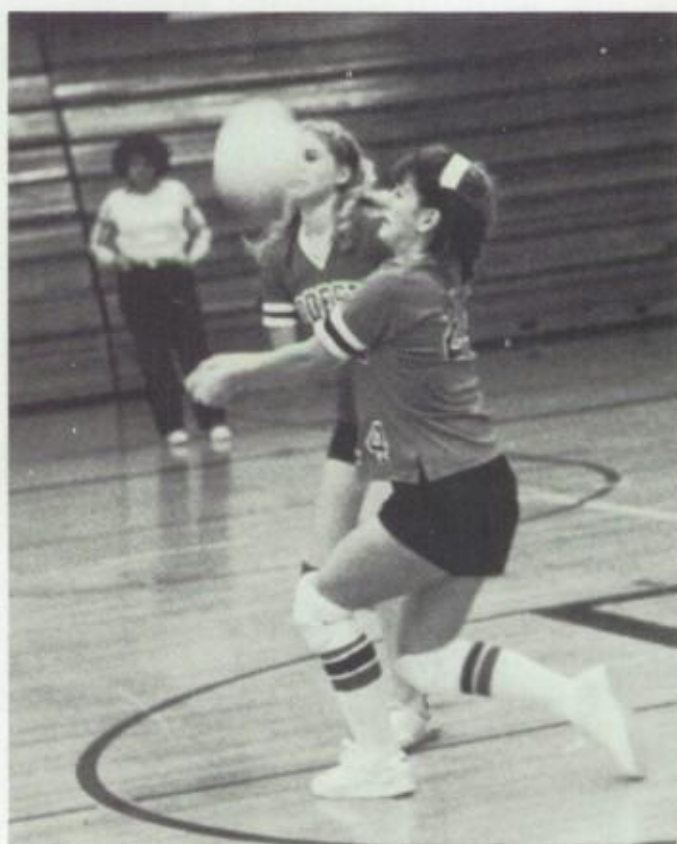
Right, Volleyball Team: Lisa Andrews, Melinda Lee, Sheryl Mendonza, Coach Rene Lindberg, Rhonda Albright, Denise Presley and Sandi Grover.



Volleyball		
Modesto	Opponent	
0	Downey	2
1	Beyer	2
0	Oakdale	2
0	Sonora	2
0	East Union	2
0	Manteca	2
0	Oakdale	2
0	Sonora	2
0	East Union	2
0	Manteca	2
0	Oakdale	2
0	Sonora	2
0	East Union	2
0	Manteca	2



Above: A perfect set enables Lisa Andrews to awesomely spike the ball.  
Upper Center: Cindy Vermeulen bumps the ball as Sandi Grover and Melinda Lee assist.  
Upper Right: With Lisa Andrews and Cindy Vermeulen set, Denise Presley bumps the ball.  
Second Right: One of the team's main setters, Cindy Vermeulen puts one into the air.  
Right: Most Improved Player Rhonda Albright successfully bumps a difficult serve.





# Declining interest spikes efforts at volleyball development

by Sandra Grover

**C**omposed of only seven players, the 1982 Volleyball Team was very small but dedicated. Six players are needed on the court at one time, which left the team with only one extra. One of the advantages to a small team is that every member gets her fill of playing, but there are also disadvantages, such as not knowing whether there will be enough players present for a game, and of course, not having the variety to choose from.

The team was basically a young and inexperienced one. It was comprised of one senior, four juniors, and two sophomores. Only five of the seven members had played on a volleyball team before. Because of this factor, much valuable time was spent going over some of the basics, whereas it could have been used to develop some of the more advanced techniques of volleyball.

Practice began in mid-August for interested girls. During these summer

practices, fifteen girls generally showed up, which made prospects for the team look promising. But as often happens, when school started, for one reason or another, several girls dropped out. Because of the small number of players, it was impossible to have both a varsity and a junior varsity team. Later in the season a few more girls dropped, leaving the team to finish out with just seven girls.

The team was composed of two setters with the rest able to bump and spike. During their practice sessions, they worked on establishing a routine with which they could feel comfortable to use in the games. Under the excellent coaching ability of Rene Lindberg, the team had an enjoyable and fulfilling season.



**Upper Left:** In an action-filled game, Lisa Andrews intimidates her opponents while Denise Presley and Melinda Lee stand ready to assist.  
**Above:** As a Sonora player dinks the ball over Sandi Grover and Cindy Vermeulen block while Lisa Andrews stands ready.  
**Left:** Sophomore player Sheryl Mendonza readies herself to receive the serve.  
**Second Left:** During before-game warm-ups, Lisa Andrews practices her spiking while Sandi Grover and Melinda Lee wait their turns.



# Tennis nets improved record

by Nora Milchen

**G**reat effort and determination were characteristic of the Girls Tennis Team during the fall season. Placing third in the Valley Oak League showed great improvement over the '81 season, ending with a 5-3 record.

Throughout the season the number one position was shared by senior Dawn Hudson and freshman Celine Hansen. This was Dawn's second year playing for MHS. In '81 Dawn showed promising talent while holding down the third seed position most of the season. "Playing for Modesto High has made my junior and senior years more enjoyable. My only regret is that I didn't start playing earlier," Dawn said.

Freshmen Celine Hansen and Stephanie Presley were, according to Coach Dee Killam, some of the best freshmen players to come along in years. "They were both great assets to the team," she praised.

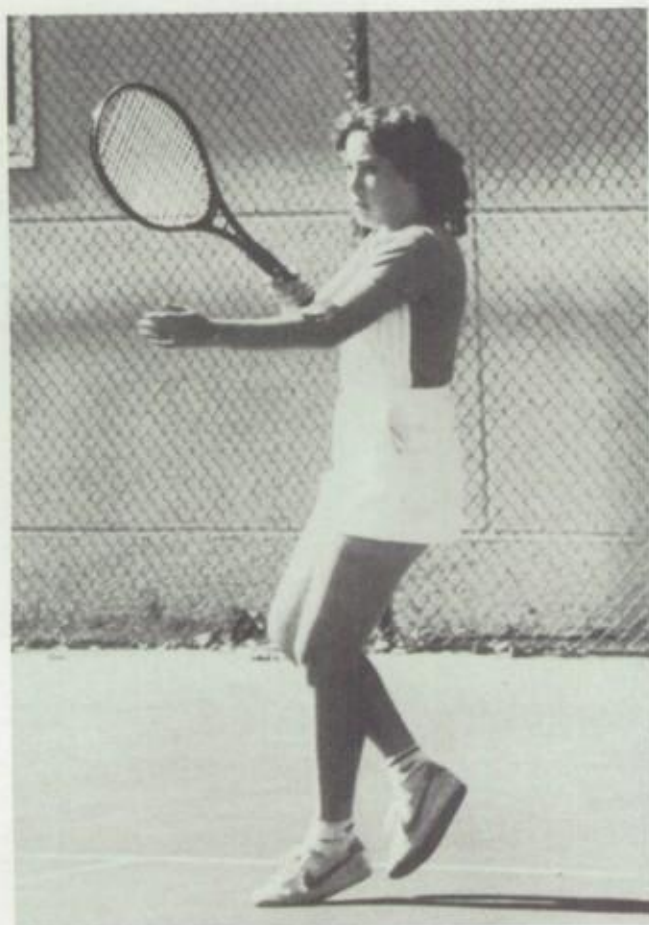
The number one doubles position was primarily shared by Maria Lopez and Rachel Cole. Other players backing them up were Shawyne Clark, Dianne McHale, Geri Peek, Karen Smith, and Mary Yandell.

The team's biggest wins were their matches against East Union, the first time winning 11 to 4, and then coming back with a great 13 to 2 victory. Other victories came with their matches against Oakdale and one against Sonora, losing only to Manteca during league play.

Going to VOL finals were Celine,

Dawn, Geri, and Dianne, who played singles. Teaming up for the doubles section were Dianne and Geri, Celine and Dawn, and Maria and Rachel. Although all of the girls played excellent matches, none were fortunate enough to advance more than one round.

Even though the Girl's Tennis Team lacked the needed experience to handle tough contenders, they proved to be strong competition for their new rivals in the VOL, and certain to improve with the talented underclassmen now coming through the ranks.



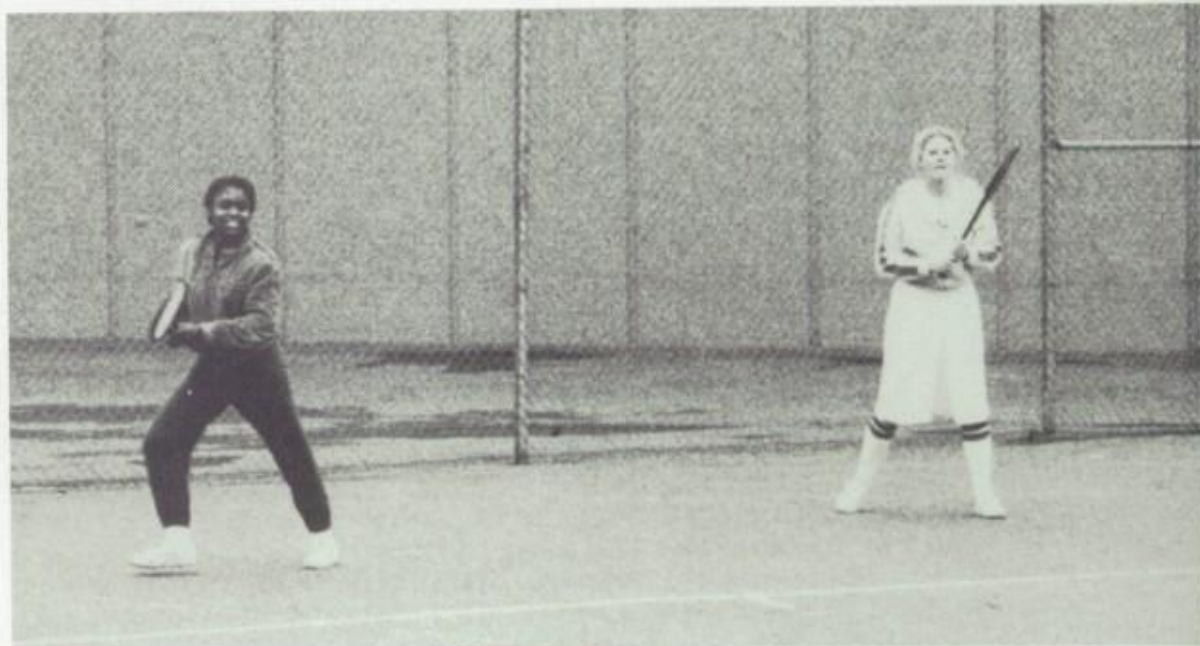
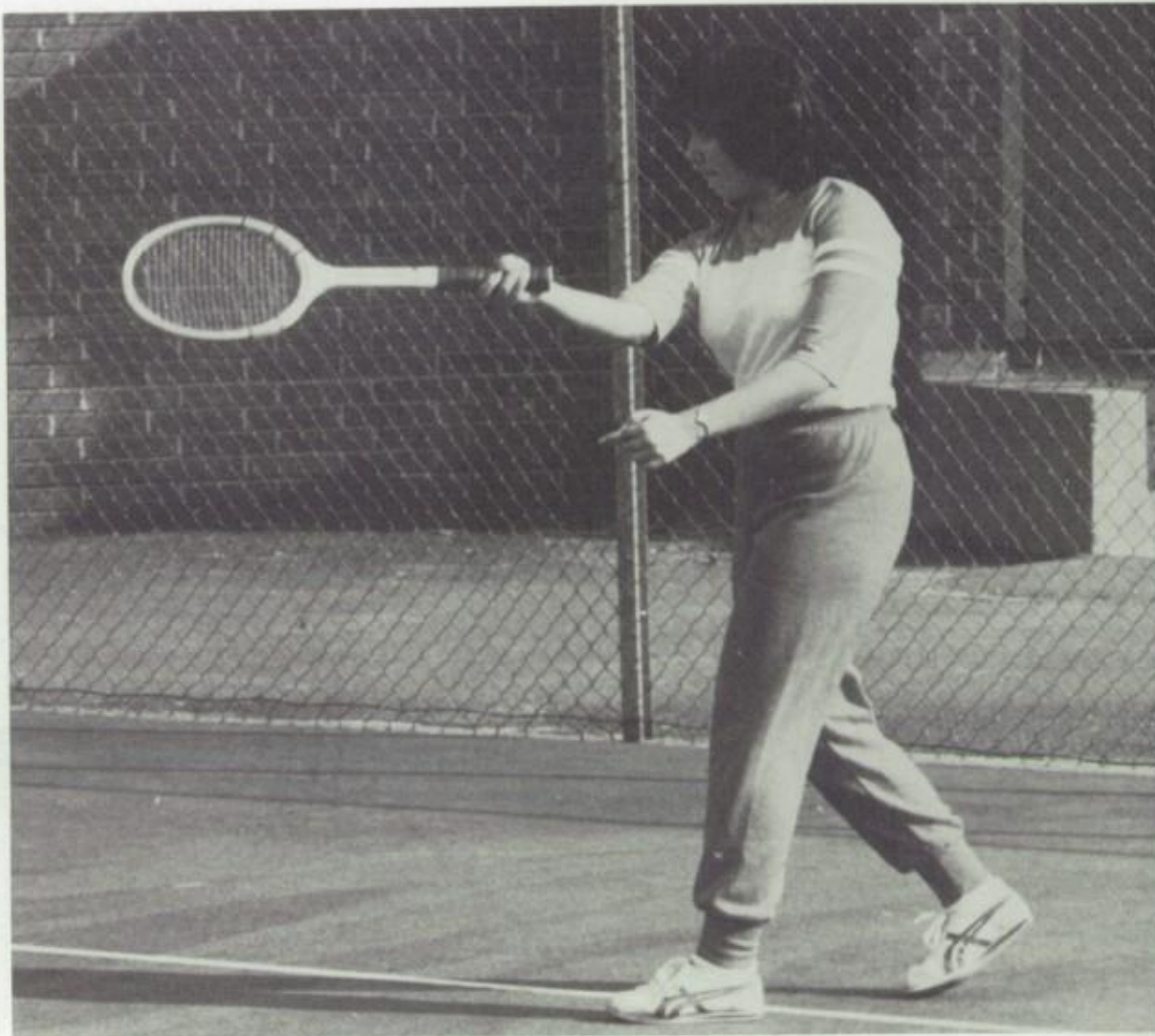
Above: During seventh period class, Dawn Hudson works to strengthen her forehand.

Upper Center: Most Improved player Mary Yandell returns a shot during practice.

Center Right: Playing the net, Maria Lopez gets set for her opponent's serve.

Second Right: Accepting the return from her opponent, Geri Peek delivers a well-placed forehand.

Right: While teammate Rachel Cole stands ready to assist, Shawyne Clark moves into position for the return shot.







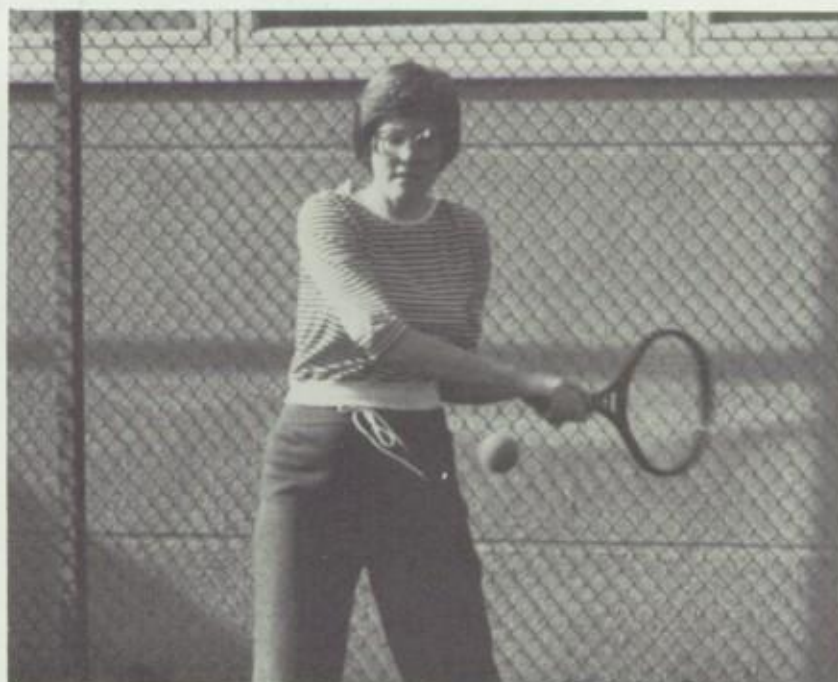
**'VOL has helped the team a lot; the competition is more even.'**  
**—Dee Killam**

Left, Tennis Coach Dee Killam.

Second Left: Key player Celine Hanson concentrates on her down-the-line shot.



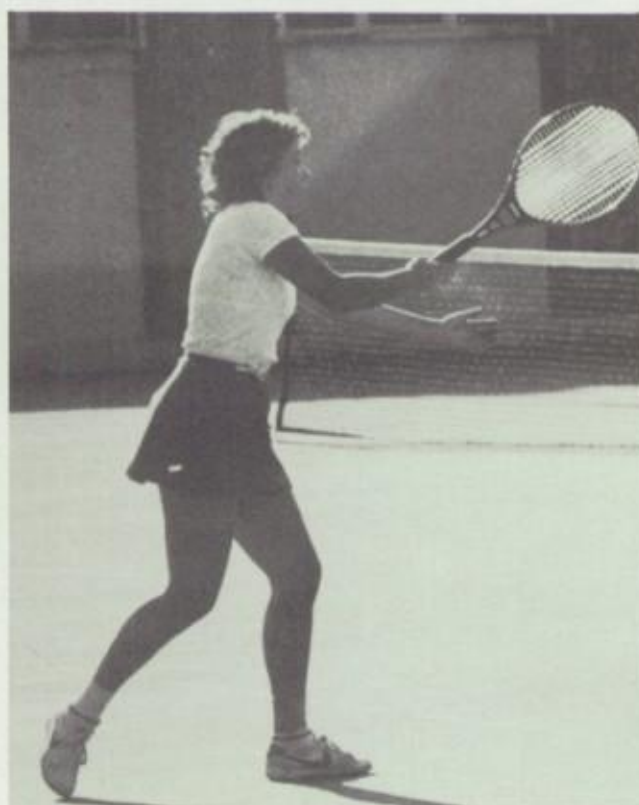
Left, Tennis Team, front row: Celine Hanson, Dawn Hudson, Shawyne Clark, Maria Lopez, Coach Dee Killam. back row: Jackie Langerman, Rachel Cole, Karen Smith, Geri Peek, Mary Yandell.



### Girls Tennis W-6 — L-5

#### Modesto Opponent

4	Downey	0
2	Central	3
0	Davis	5
8½	Oakdale	4
12½	Manteca	2½
7	Sonora	8
11	East Union	4
11	Oakdale	4
2½	Manteca	12½
7	Sonora	8
11	East Union	4



Left: Before the game, Dawn Hudson gets an opportunity to volley with her opponent.

Upper Right: Karen Smith works to make her backhands more consistent.

Above: Dianne McHale and Geri Peek use the back wall of the Girls Gym to practice their shots.

Modesto has a long tradition and I am part of that tradition. I think MHS is the best!

—Rosalva Flores



*'This was one of the best seasons MHS has ever had. It may be years before we have another team to match the depth and ability this team possessed.'* —Wayne McGhee

Right, Varsity Basketball Coach Wayne McGhee



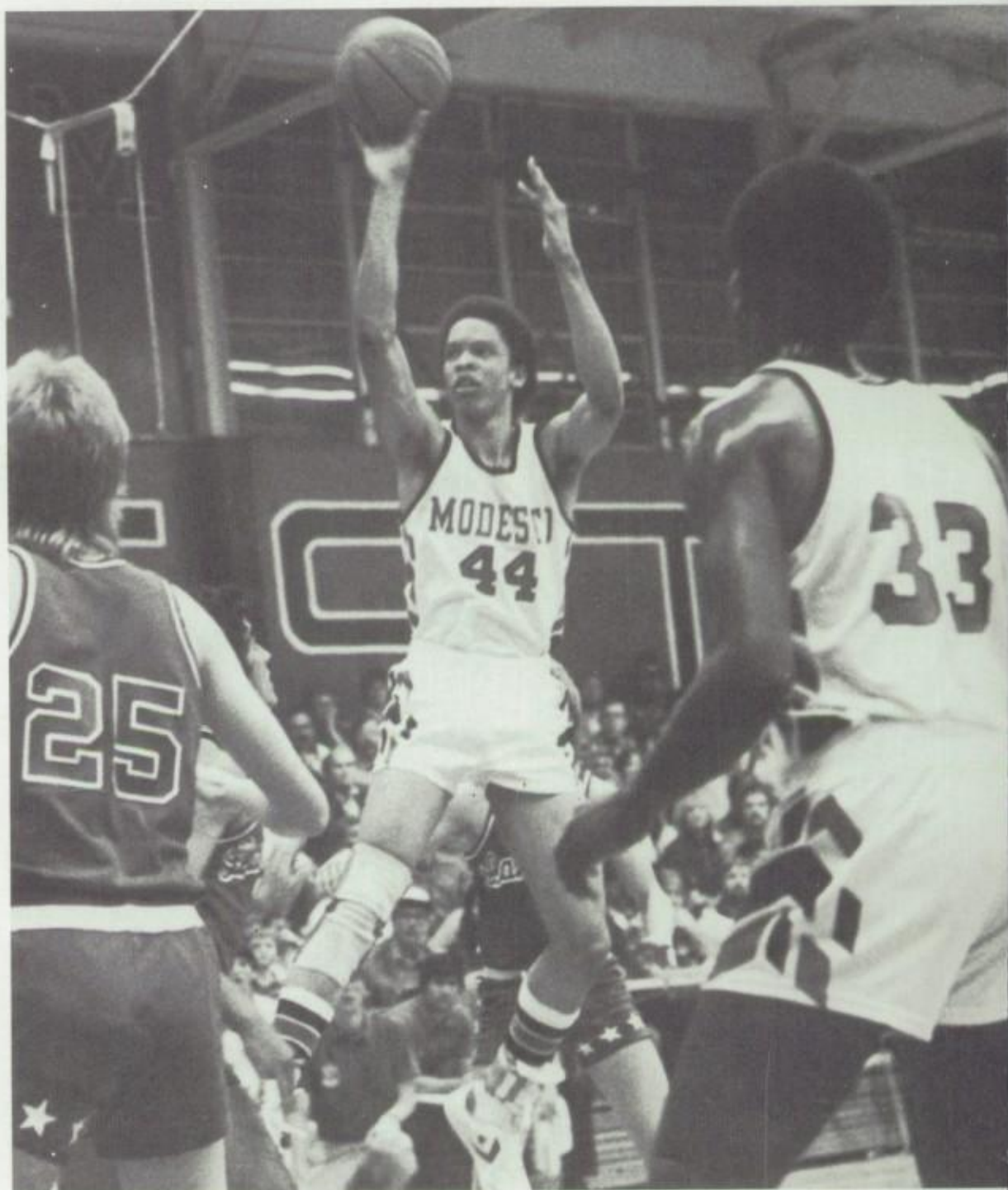
Above, Varsity Basketball Team, front row: Sam Gonzales, Ron Dixon, Dino Quinn, Dennis Wend. back row: Keith Waters, Joe Henri-

ques, Anthony Matthews, Sergio Harrison, Brian Kelly, Ryan Edwards, Andy Gonzales, Shawn Valenzuela.



#### Varsity Basketball W-28 — L-5

Modesto	Opponent	
49	Merced	50
79	Tracy	43
66	St. Mary's	84
80	Central	47
71	East Union	70
88	Los Banos	68
75	Davis	48
48	Atwater	50
74	Ceres	57
55	Turlock	45
51	Beyer	44
64	Downey	52
57	Rancho Cordova	86
54	Merced	39
62	Atwater	41
79	Livingston	49
53	Oakdale	46
50	East Union	49
69	Manteca	65
57	Sonora	40
59	Manteca	50
55	Oakdale	44
45	East Union	34
61	Sonora	54
55	Oakdale	45
73	Manteca	59
65	Sonora	56
45	East Union	43
67	Ceres	50
58	El Camino	49
64	East Union	57
59	Hayward	50
34	Menlo	50



Modesto High has always been the "best high school in town" for me. It is a place where staff and students care about each other. After 31 years here, I'm proud to be a part of the MHS Centennial Celebration.

—John Whitaker







Opposite Page, Top: Outstanding guard Dennis Wend maneuvers his way around an East Union opponent.

Bottom: Sergio Harrison goes for two while Anthony Matthews waits to assist.

This Page, Second Left: Placing the shot right where he wants it, Anthony Matthews keeps Hayward competitors on their toes.

Left: Dino Quinn uses his dribbling skills to get past a Los Banos opponent.

Below: Brian Kelly "jumps a little higher" to get the ball from Ceres.

Lower Center: During the Modesto-Sonora match at Panther Palace, Dennis Wend gets past two opponents to make his shot.

Lower Left: "General" Ron Dixon wastes no time getting down court past a Manteca Bulldog.



## Panthers shine in new league; take Sac-Joaquin section crown

by Denise Presley

Adjusting to a new league, the VOL, did not stop the 1983 Varsity Basketball Team. In fact, it seemed to spark new life into them. Their record, 28-5, was an outstanding feat. Coach Wayne McGhee said, "To win 20 consecutive games is a coach's dream. It was simply amazing that our team won 28 in a single season!"

The varsity hoopsters started the season off with a disappointing 49-50 loss to Merced, a loss which was later avenged. The next two games were a win against Tracy 79-43 and a 66-84 loss to St. Mary's, a Division I power. The Panthers followed that loss with three consecutive wins: Central, 80-47; East

Union, 71-70; and Los Banos, 88-68; to win the Modesto City Tournament. Coach McGhee said of the East Union game, "This was the test before the league started and it helped us win the city tournament."

The next loss came two games later to Atwater in the Turlock Tournament. In that same tournament, the Panthers defeated Ceres and Turlock to win the consolation trophy. The next games were against cross town rivals Beyer and Downey, which were easily defeated 51-44 and 64-52, respectively. In the Atwater Christmas Tournament Modesto defeated Merced 54-39, Atwater 62-41 and Livingston 79-49, to take home the first place trophy. After

the pre-season ended, the team's Christmas vacation was spent getting ready for league play, which started immediately afterwards.

Our first game was against Oakdale, which the Panthers won 53-46. The next game was against East Union, rated first in the league, because they had only lost one game all year—to the Panthers. MHS won 50-49. Assistant coach Paul Abby said, "This was an important one. It set a pattern for the rest of the league play." The next four games were all wins: Manteca 69-65; Sonora 57-40; Manteca 59-50; and Oakdale 55-44. The next win, our tenth consecutive victory, was again against East Union, 45-34.

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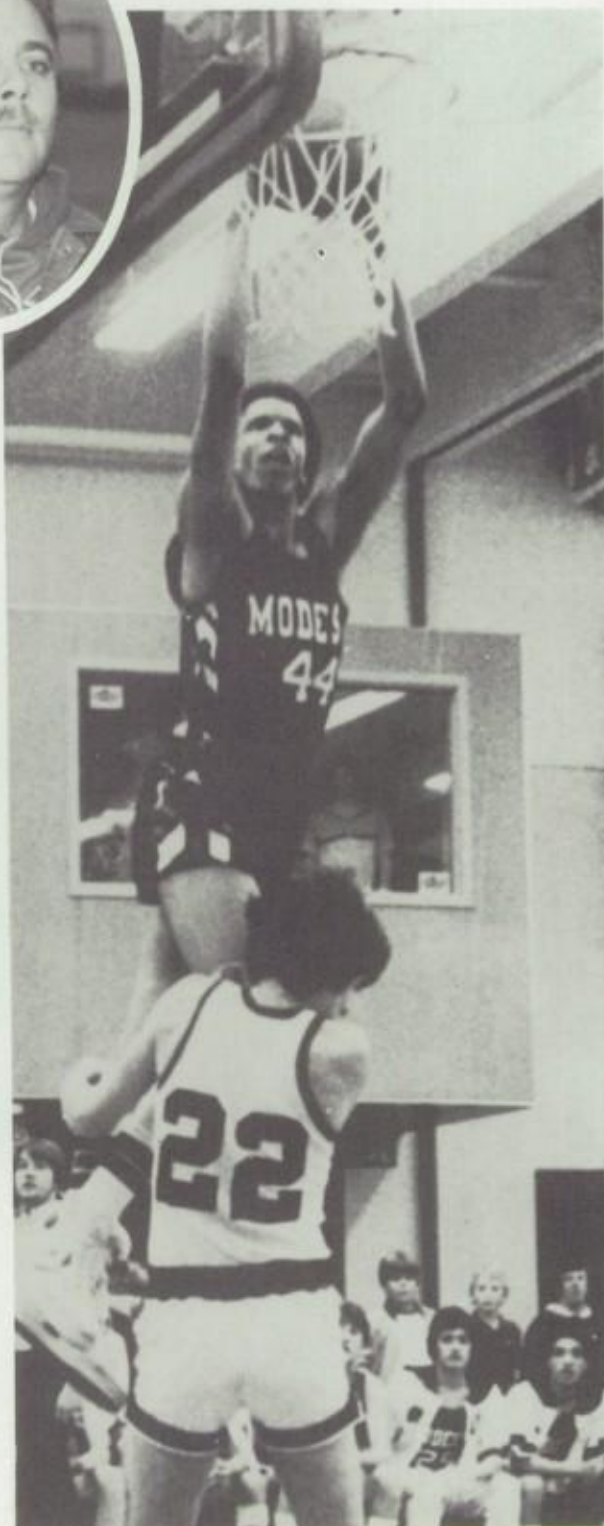
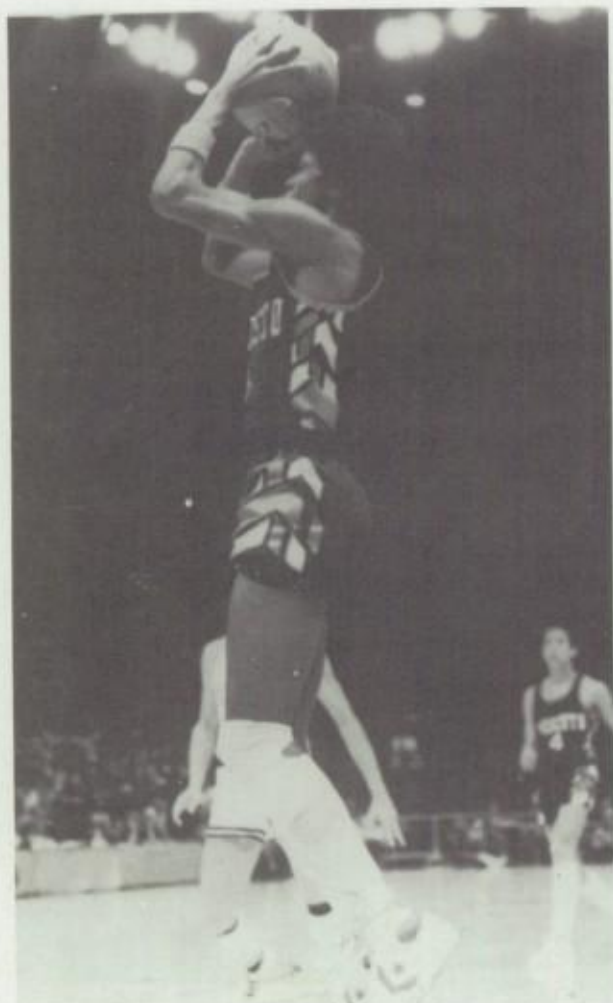
Right, Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach Paul Abby

Right: "Dr. Freeze" Sergio Harrison towers over an El Camino defender to slam the ball for two.

Second Right: As Manteca opponents hurry to overtake him, Shawn Valenzuela speeds up-court.

Below: At the Nor-Cal Championships Keith Waters concentrates on sinking another two points.

Lower Right: Anthony Matthews skillfully makes his way through East Union defenders.



## Undefeated league record leads to Nor-Cal championship game

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Four more wins were earned by the Panthers, against Sonora 61-54, Oakdale 55-46, Manteca 73-59, and again Sonora 65-56.

**T**hen MHS played East Union again for the fourth time. Before an excited capacity crowd the Panthers defeated the Lancers 45-43. Coach Wayne McGhee said, "This one was especially important. It gave us a first place seat in the section championships. It also gave us an undefeated league record and the VOL title."

With their spirits high and their fans behind them the Varsity Basketball

Team soared into the section playoffs. Their first game was against Ceres at the MHS Panther Palace. It was an exciting game ending in a 67-50 Panther victory. The next game in section playoffs was against Sacramento's El Camino High. It resulted in a 58-49 win for MHS. The championship game turned out to be against, for the fifth time this year, East Union. There was speculation that the Lancers, who had beaten every team they played except MHS, would finally overcome their nemesis. It was a heart-stopping game in front of a capacity-plus crowd at Davis High School. The game was very close throughout the night, but ended with a

64-57 Panther victory—and the league championship!

From there the team entered the Nor-Cal championship tournament. In front of a biased Modesto crowd at Spano center on the UOP campus, the Panthers defeated Hayward 60-59 to advance to the final game against Menlo High at the Oakland Coliseum arena. After a 19 game winning streak, the Panthers were defeated by the eventual state champions, 50-34, placing them second in Northern California.

Coach Jim Thrasher said, "We had an exciting and outstanding year with our young team. We're looking to do the same and more next year!"





***'To have seven great players on one team is truly remarkable.'*** —Paul Abby

Left: Brian Kelly keeps his eyes on a Hayward defender as he skillfully drives downcourt.  
Below: Keith Waters slips past a Central Raider for another two points.

Lower Right: At the section championships, Panthers Ron Dixon, Keith Waters and Dennis Wend keep watchful eyes on El Camino's next move.

Lower Left: Andy Gonzales has no foe to intercept his "shoot for two."



MHS means trust and support between students and faculty. That makes me proud to be a Panther!  
Tim Hodge



Right: Larry Peterson puts up a shot underneath the basket during a game with Oakdale.

Second Right: Pat Peterson pops in an outside jumper against Davis.

Lower Right: Panther forward Pat Peterson takes a jumper over an East Union Lancer.

Below: Larry and Barry Peterson wait anxiously for the rebound.



## Five frosh join sophomore hoopsters in disappointing season

by Mike Toso

**I**n contrast to the victorious varsity, the Sophomore Basketball Team endured a disappointing season. Although they had the talent to win more games, their level of experience was not high enough for them to be able to outplay many opponents. Team leaders were Jessie Mendoza, David Wilson and Patrick Peterson. "Usually, how they played was reflected by the rest of the team. When they played well, the whole team had a good night," observed coach Jim Thrasher.

Because of a small turnout of sophomores and an abundance of freshmen, five freshmen were moved up and played at the sophomore level.

They were Mario Gonzales, Brian Hilario, Barry Peterson, Larry Peterson, and Danny Sabala, and proved to be very helpful, even though they had no experience playing high school basketball. "They were fast learners, and as the season went on, they became big factors for the team," said Thrasher.

During pre-league match-ups, the sophomores were victorious over Davis (56-47), Beyer (57-39), and Cordova (44-31). Yet their overall record was 6-13. Their final three wins were against league rivals Sonora (69-53), Oakdale (60-57), and East Union (55-52). The East Union Lancers had beaten the Panthers twice before so the win was especially satisfying to the coach, the

fans, and most of all, the team members themselves.

"The team had the talent to win at least three or four more games than they did," Coach Thrasher concluded. "I think my boys should look and learn from varsity standouts Ron Dixon, Anthony Matthews and Brian Kelly. If they shoot for high goals in future seasons, their talent will come bursting out."

As for the freshmen who played at the sophomore level this year, Thrasher feels that their experience should really enhance next year's sophomore team. "They should be a lot of help to this year's freshmen in getting them off to a good start."





*'Whenever Pat, Dave, and Jesus were playing well the rest of the team usually was up to the same level.'*

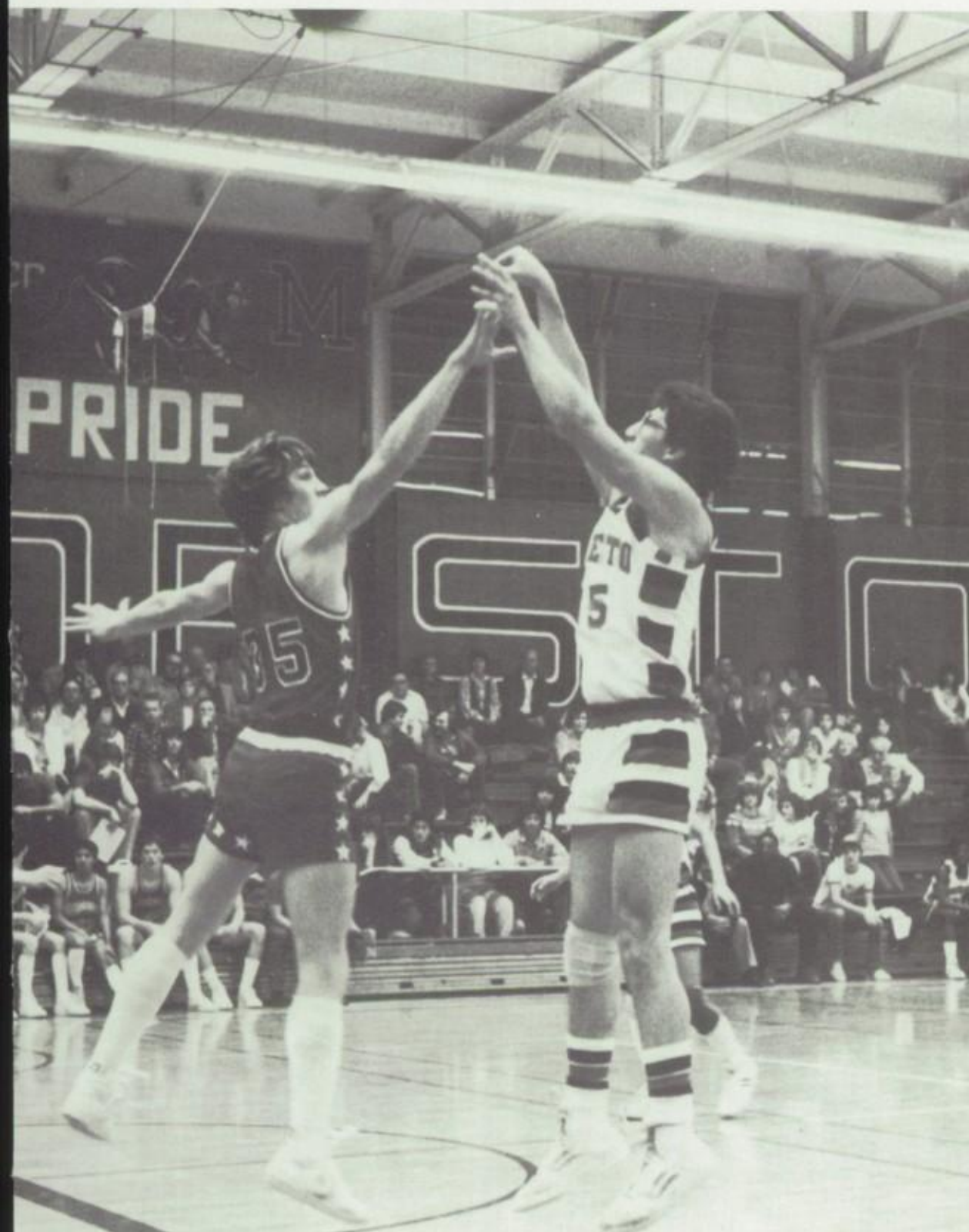
*—Jim Thrasher*

Left, Sophomore Basketball Coach James Thrasher



Above, Sophomore Basketball Team, front row: Mario Gonzales, Orlando Madrid, Danny Sabala, David Wilson. back row: Jesus

Mendoza, Junior Shaird, Martin Rico, Larry Peterson, Barry Peterson, Patrick Peterson, R.C. Spivey, Brian Hilario.



### Sophomore Basketball W-6 — L-13

Modesto	Opponent	
51	Merced	69
29	Tracy	39
26	St. Mary's	82
56	Davis	47
57	Beyer	39
46	Downey	58
44	Cordova	31
50	Oakdale	64
33	East Union	56
59	Manteca	61
69	Sonora	53
56	Manteca	71
45	Oakdale	49
40	East Union	45
23	Sonora	30
60	Oakdale	57
41	Manteca	55
53	Sonora	56
55	East Union	52



Above: Mario Gonzales passes off to teammate Patrick Peterson.

Left: High point Panther Jessie Mendoza pops in an outside jumper against East Union.

Upper Left: Orlando Madrid takes advantage of lax defense with an outside jumper.



*Modesto High is the best, the most spirited! That's why I am proud to be a Panther.*

*—Deanna Rodriguez*



*'The boys had a rough season, but Martin Sandoval really kept the team going, no matter what the score.'*

*—Todd Sevick*



Right, Freshman Basketball Coach Todd Sevick



Above, Freshman Basketball Team, front row: Jose Sarmiento, Jesse Norflis, Jerry Lara, Roger Wani, Mario Reyes. back row:

Tony Buenrostio, David Ramirez, Martin Sandoval, Mike Rosa, Louis Bland, Gary Harley, Greg Deeter, Mike Bowling, Fred Davis, Esman Gomez.



Above: Leaping high over a Manteca defender, Martin Sandoval uses a back hook for another two points.

Right: Mario Reyes wastes no time getting around his competitor.

Upper Right: David Ramirez looks for a clean shot while concentrating on getting around his opponents.







Second Left: As Martin Sandoval gets the jump on Sonora, David Ramirez and Mike Bowling wait to assist.

Left: As opponents watch for a rebound, David Ramirez shoots for the basket.

Below: While Mario Reyes keeps competitors on the defense, Jerry Lara gets above one to make a shot.

Lower Left: As Greg Deeter holds off defenders, David Ramirez makes a pass to a fellow Panther.



# ***Panther kittens face problems; fumble through dismal season***

by Denise Presley

**T**he Panther kittens had many problems facing them: a new first year coach and a new league, and they lost five of their best players to the sophomore team. These problems all contributed to the 10 league losses and the 4 practice game losses. Coach Todd Sevick said, "It was my first year as a coach; we were in a new league and lost a lot of players. Altogether these three things had a considerable impact on attitude and performance." The Kitten's league record was 2-10 and 4-14 overall.

Leading the team on the court and at practice was all-star forward Martin Sandoval. Martin averaged 18.6 points a game and 12 rebounds. The team

averaged 37.2 points and 15 rebounds. "His attitude kept the team going no matter what the score," said Sevick. Also contributing to the offensive attack were forward Mario Reyes and guard Mike Rosas. Feeding them the necessary passes in order that they could score were guard David Ramirez and center David "Stork" Baker. These players combined made up a pretty effective offense.

Defense, on the other hand, was very weak. "They lacked height and speed, also an effective press which is necessary in freshman basketball," observed varsity coach Wayne McGhee. Although the tallest player was 6'1", the next tallest was only 5'5", while most teams

average 5'7" or 5'8". On defense the team averaged eight steals a game and 16 defensive rebounds.

At the awards banquet in March outstanding players were given awards chosen by the team. Most Valuable Player was given to Martin Sandoval, the team captain on and off the court. Most Inspirational was given to Mike Rosas who could always be heard giving encouragement and inspiration to his teammates. Most Improved Player went to a guy who when he started the year couldn't dribble without walking and couldn't move the ball without double dribbling, yet ended the season as a starter, David Baker.



# New girls coach and team work hard to hold back competitors

by Dalinda Angelo

**P**roducing an overall record of 9 wins and 13 losses, the hard-working Girls Varsity Basketball Team gained valuable techniques and experience throughout the season. Playing against taller and hot-shooting teams forced the Panther girls to rely on tough team defense to stay in the ball games.

Under direct supervision of new coach Ron Smith, the beginning of the season showed promise when the girls beat Downey 53-42 for the consolation trophy at the Escalon Tournament. MHS also won the consolation trophy at the Downey Tournament as Silvia Chavez led a defensive charge to beat Hughson by one point after being down by 13 points in the last quarter.

The Panther Girls played as tough a defense as any team in the Valley Oak League, but lacked offensive patience and shooting skills as shown by their 2-10 league record.

Junior Melinda Lee led the team in player production and scoring. She finished with the highest shooting percentage in field goals and free throws and was second in rebounding. Lisa Andrews skillfully led the team in rebounding and landed second in player production, steals and field goal percentage. Silvia Chavez ranked tops in the area with an impressive 106 steals. The most valuable player award went to Melinda Lee who also was named to the VOL second team. Lisa Andrews received honorable mention. Most im-

proved recognition went to sophomore Mona Simmons who showed much promise for 1984.

Seniors on the 1983 team were Diane Ranuio (all tournament player), Silvia Chavez and Vera Thomas. The remaining members will definitely miss their great defensive abilities.

A special team thanks goes to Mr. George Dixon for his dedication in taking charge of every 7th period practice while Coach Smith taught his math class.

When asked how he felt about next year's team, Coach Smith concludes, "No team in the VOL will be weaker next year, so we will have to work harder than the other teams to improve our finish. I'm sure we can!"



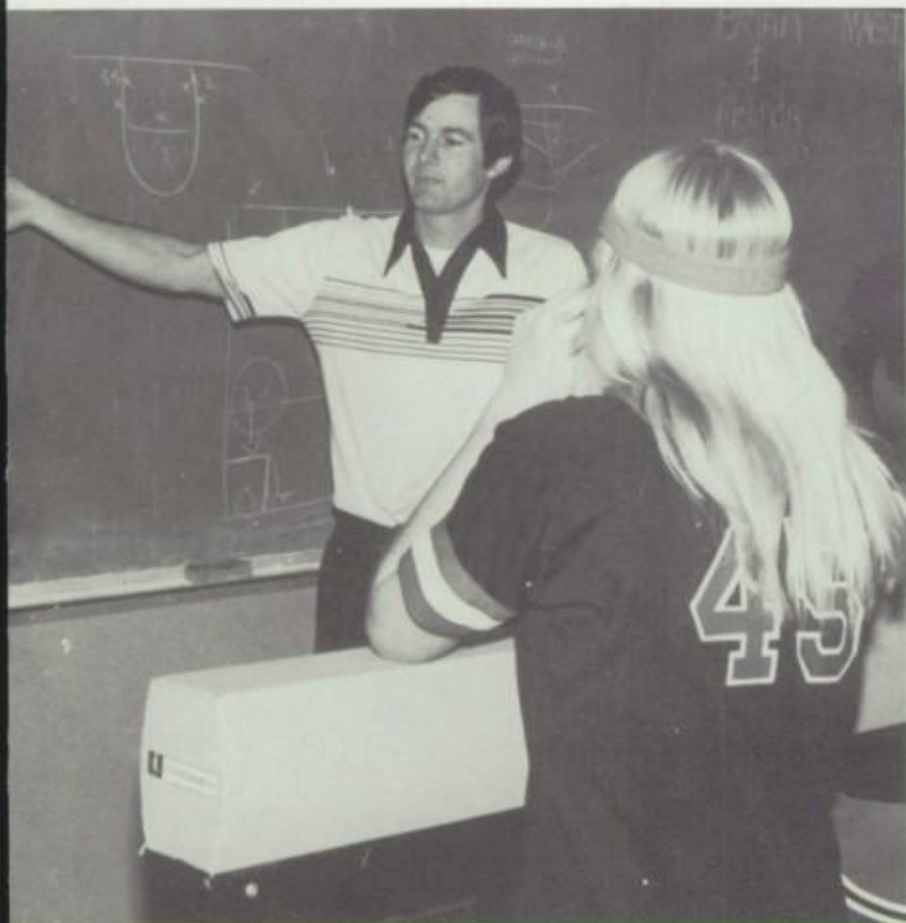
Above: Lynette Ingram out-steps her opponent as Melinda Lee follows the play.

Upper Left: Silvia Chavez drives down the court as Melinda Lee hurries to set up the offense.

Right: Diane Ranuio soars above an Oakdale opponent as she scores two points for the Panthers.





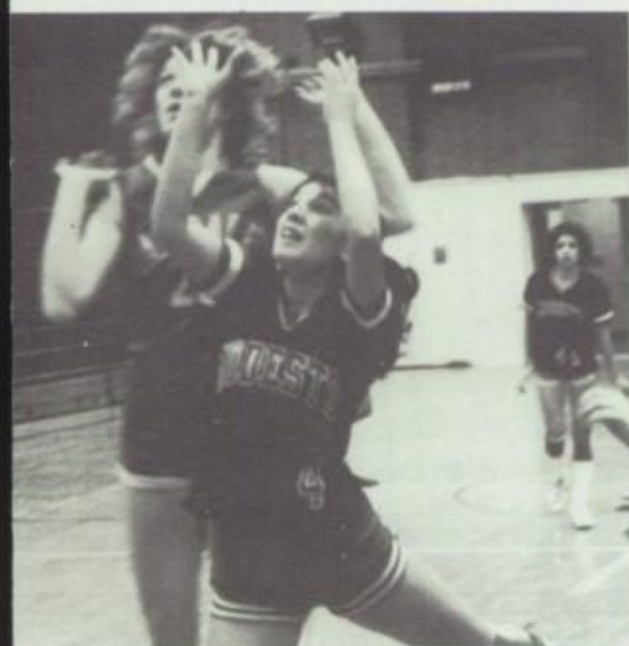


**'We improved a lot, and next year we plan to be in the play-offs along with our brilliant boys team.'** —Ron Smith

Left, Girls Basketball Coach Ron Smith



Above, Girls Basketball Team, front row: Mona Simmons, Silvia Chavez, Bridgette Simmons, Diane Ranuio, Lynette Ingram. back row: Vera Thomas, Melinda Lee, Patricia Williams, Lisa Andrews.



### Girls Varsity Basketball W-9 — L-13

Modesto	Opponent	
45	Hilmar	41
31	Tracy	38
60	Calaveras	65
65	Escalon JV	32
53	Beyer	42
54	Beyer	36
56	Amador	31
42	Escalon	54
45	Ceres	26
45	Hughson	44
64	Oakdale	45
38	East Union	55
46	Manteca	71
38	Sonora	61
50	Manteca	66
59	Oakdale	68
39	East Union	52
42	Sonora	60
55	Oakdale	44
32	Manteca	68
36	Sonora	45
47	East Union	64

Left: Showing form and concentration, Lynette Ingram scores two points with a jump shot.

Second Left: Melinda Lee battles for position with an Oakdale opponent in hopes of retrieving the rebound.

Center Left: With a look of anticipation, Silvia Chavez hopes for two more as Melinda Lee watches in the back court.

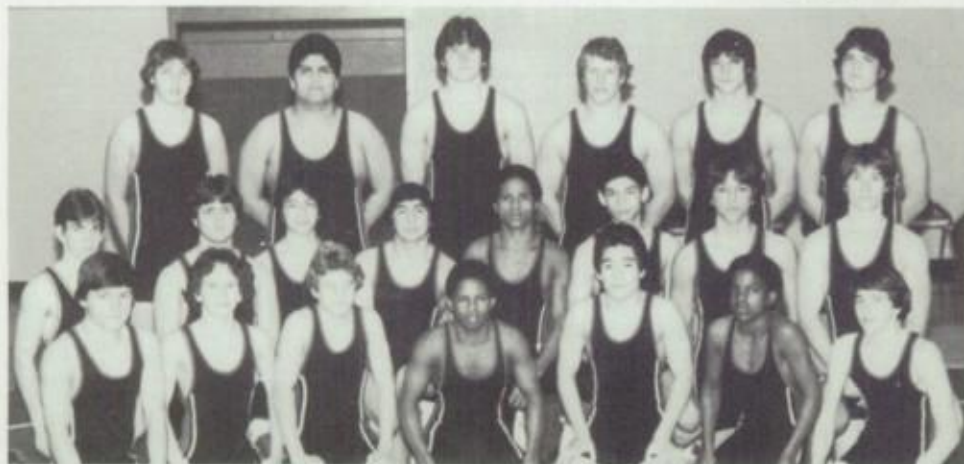
Upper Left: In a pre-game strategy session, Coach Ron Smith explains a new defensive plan as Lisa Andrews and Lynette Ingram listen.



*'It was an outstanding season for five Modesto High grapplers as they won their weight classes and were champions.'*  
—John Miller

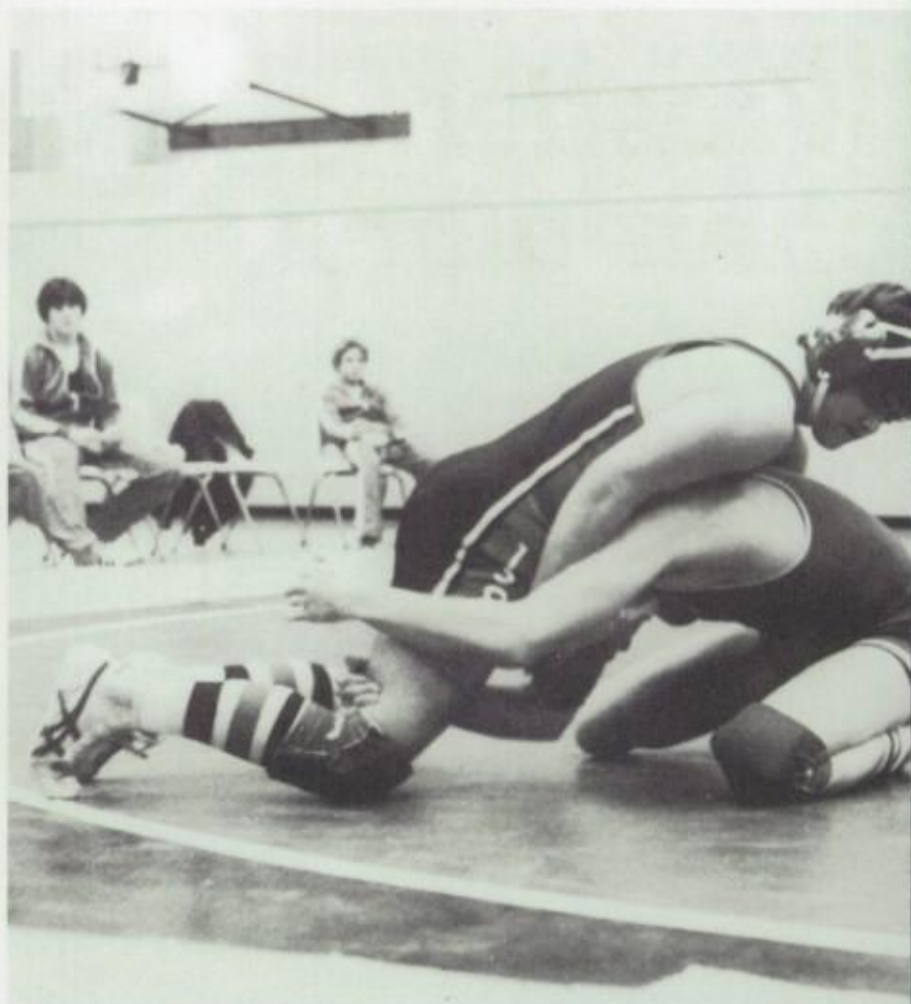


Right, Wrestling Coach John Miller



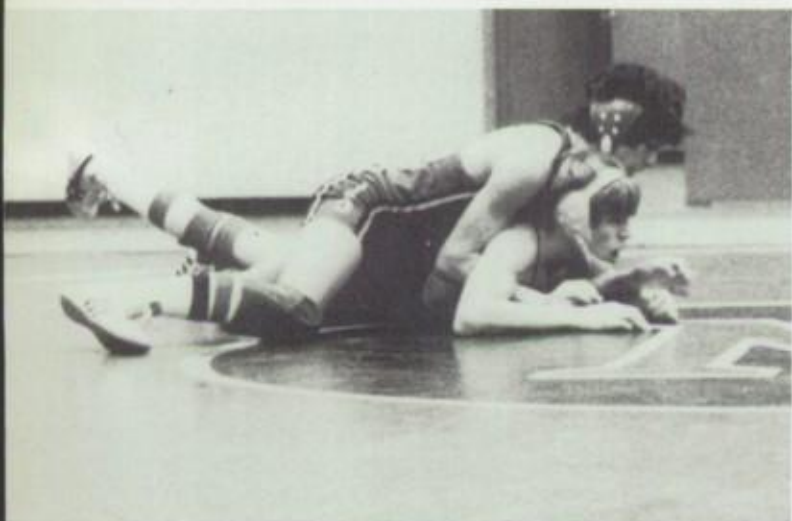
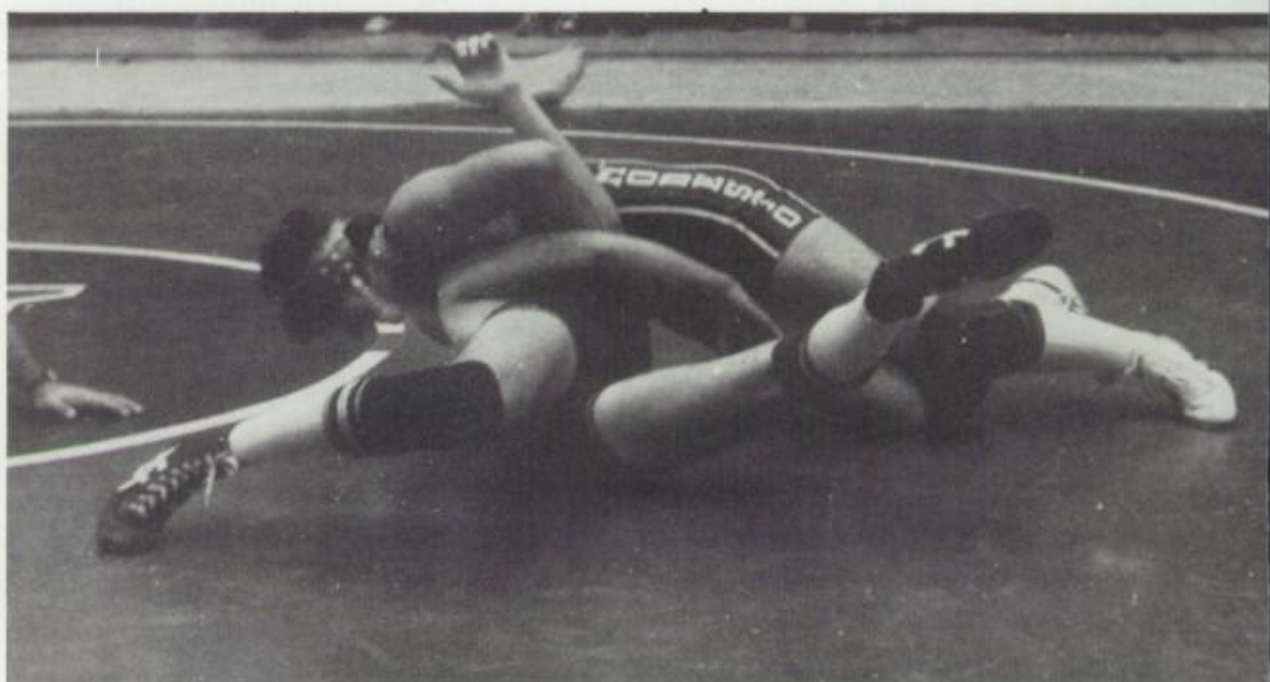
Above, Wrestling Team, front row: Marcos Madrid, Darren Jenkins, Mark Oreglia, Troy Grays, Robert Page, Lee Jarvis, Joe Bettencourt. second row: Robbie Gratton, Jerry Rocha, Arnie Guerrero, Leroy

Grays, Guadalupe Angel, Louie Figueroa, Jim Hendricks, Tim Gorne. back row: Donnie Worsham, Ricky Arias, Joe Mendonza, Brian Nevitt, Shawn Sickert, Richard Rushing.



### Wrestling League Standings

Oakdale	4-0
Sonora	3-1
Manteca	2-2
Modesto	1-3
East Union	0-4



Above: Joe Mendonza pulls a reversal on his opponent to gain points.  
Upper Right: Jerry Rocha maneuvers his opponent into a pin position.  
Center Right: Shawn Sickert easily flips his foe into a pin position.  
Right: Forced onto his head, Troy Grays struggles to regain the upper hand.  
Second Right: Joe Bettencourt takes advantage of his opponent's awkward position.





# Wrestlers produce five individual champions in new league

by **Connie Dias**  
and **Lori Howell**

**A**lthough the Modesto Matmen were faced with different challengers in a new league during 1983, they were able to produce five league champions in the various weight classes. Overall, the team earned a "good, respectable season," according to senior Brian Nevitt. They placed third at the league tournament and sent some of their best wrestlers to the sub-sections. However, even with five league champions the team was only able to garner fourth place in the Valley Oak League standing, with a record of 1-3.

Four of the league champions were seniors who utilized their previous years of wrestling experience to grapple their way to the top. These seniors were Joe Bettencourt in the 100 pound category, Troy Grays at 114 pounds, captain of the team Leroy Grays, who was champion of his division at 128 pounds, and Brian Nevitt, also a division title holder at 188 pounds. The other winning grappler was sophomore Robby Gratton in the 107 pound category.

One of the more outstanding wrestlers of the team was Joe Bettencourt. He was named Most Valuable Player of the team for his impressive achievements. He placed third at the sections and qualified for the regional

tournament, but unfortunately was not able to place there. "I've wrestled for four years and I still enjoy it," Joe stated. "It was a good year for us. We started off pretty rough because of the lack of participation but as a team we did all right."

Other outstanding wrestlers were acknowledged with awards for their abilities and enthusiasm. Senior Joe Mendonza received the Coach's Award; Brian Nevitt was named Iron-Man and earned the sub-section championship in his weight class; Most Inspirational went to Troy Grays who also was the sub-section champ in his weight class; and Marcos Madrid was named Most Improved.



**Left:** While his competitor holds firm ground, Tim Gorne works at gaining control.

**Upper Right:** With a strong hold on his Hughson opponent, Troy Grays pins him for a win.

**Above:** While his victim struggles to regain control, Leroy Grays keeps him securely pinned.



To go to Modesto High you must have a lot of things, but the main thing is Panther Pride!

—Trevor Taylor



# Varsity, JV Panthers boot VOL for championship crown, 2nd place

by Debbie Bowling

**T**he Soccer season could be summed up in one word: fabulous. The season didn't start too well, but after becoming used to new defenders, the MHS soccer players conquered the VOL. The varsity team took first place and the Junior Varsity took a well-earned second in their first year as VOL members. The twenty varsity players worked together, challenging each other to improve their skills. They competed with a "heads up" attitude, which led them to obtain the championship title. Beginning in October, Mr. Jose Guerrero started gathering his team together. Everyone who participated stayed throughout the season. The var-

sity record of 12-1-7 clinched first place. The JV record of 6-1-3 took second.

Chosen the Most Valuable Player of the varsity was junior Armando Espinoza who scored 19 goals, and is expected to be a real asset in 1984. Richard Imfeld was named Most Improved Player. A senior, he played the position of goalie, blocking many opponents' goal attempts. Best Defensive Player Jerry Dias gave his whole body to hold off the attacks of many competitors. "In the end it all paid off," said Jerry. "Each play felt the reward that victory brings."

At the Junior Varsity level, ten players worked hard to obtain a second

place VOL title. Hector Villapudua was honored in being named Most Valuable Player. Hector described the season by saying, "We did a really great job considering the small number of people on the team. All the team members put an extra amount of effort into the games."

For both MHS soccer teams, the 1983 season was a great ego builder. Although soccer is a rough sport, every player managed to come through each game with no worse than a few scratches. The accomplishments made by all the participants, and with many of the varsity returning next year, 1984 will be a season anxiously awaited for.



Above, JV Soccer Team, front row: Jaime Jimenez, Juan Esparza, Pedro Dominquez, Dennis Brophy. back row: Artemio Quintana, Jesus Ascencio, Humberto Lopez, Phil Cearley, Denise Presley, Jerry Miller.



Above: Team mates Denise Presley and Artemio Quintana survive Manteca's JV defense.

Right: Although surrounded by Oakdale attackers, Tony Angel manages to kick his way out.



As an alumnus and now as a member of the MHS staff, I am proud to be a part of the Modesto High Centennial and its proud tradition. —Mike Kiyoi







*'We did really well because we had many quality players. We had depth and strength because our bench was good.'*  
—Jose Guerrero

Left, Soccer Coach Jose Guerrero



Above, Varsity Soccer Team, front row: Jesus Garibay, Isaac Brambila, Armando Espinoza, Justin Smith, Marvin Ron, Bo Annvik, Jose

Sarmiento. back row: Dennis Brophy, Hiram Cueto, Carlos Pineda, John Green, Ozzie Toste, Jerry Dias, Jaime Magana, Eddie Jiminez.



Varsity Soccer  
W-12 — T-1 — L-7  
Modesto Opponent

3	Turlock	4
2	Beyer	5
0	Clovis	4
0	Hanford	4
0	McLain	6
5	Turlock	4
1	Davis	4
1	Beyer	3
4	Central	0
2	Livingston	0
4	Oakdale	1
5	East Union	1
4	Manteca	1
9	Oakdale	1
6	East Union	1
2	Manteca	0
9	Oakdale	1
4	East Union	2
5	Manteca	0
3	Beyer	3



Left: As Jesus Ascencio comes up on an opponent, Artemio Quintana concentrates on dribbling toward the goal.

Center Left: Dribbling the ball past an East Union defender, Jaime Magana makes his way downfield as Ozzie Toste follows close behind.

Center Right: Artemio Quintana heads the ball away from East Union's control.

Upper Left: Marvin Ron gets the ball right where he wants it before shooting for a goal.



Below: Patrick Peterson strains for those extra inches as he makes another outstanding jump.  
 Right: Leading man on the relay team, Sam Cousins jumps to a quick start.  
 Second Right: Long distance runner John Shaw concentrates to keep a steady pace.  
 Lower Right, Varsity Track Team, front row: Tommy Warren, Troy Campbell, Jerry Dias, Carlos Pineda, Dennis Brophy, Marvin Davis. back row: Galdino Ramirez, Richard Moreno, Richard Imfeld, Hector Barraza, John Shaw, Dino Quinn, Patrick Peterson.



## Drive and endurance lead Varsity, JV tracksters to good season

by Tommy Warren

**I**n recent years Modesto High has produced some of the best track and field competitors in the entire district. The 1983 season was no exception.

Members of the Boys Track Teams craved a winning season, and did their part in trying to make that dream a reality. Those involved faithfully showed up every day after school to stretch and strengthen their muscles, run numerous laps, and increase their endurance level, all undergone in the hope of improving their performances at meets.

At the JV level, Tim Gorne and Morey Bland were among the leaders of the underclassmen team. The JV

tracksters were loaded with potential and ability, but were plagued by non-involvement. Despite the small size of their squad, they still brought home honors from every meet.

Weather conditions also plagued the performances of both the JV and Varsity squads. The cold, wet and windy days early in the season brought several casualties along the road. Heavy rains often caused cancelations or postponements at the beginning of the season, but bad weather never dampened the positive attitude of every member.

Among the Varsity Team, hopes were high for a successful first season in the VOL. A number of boys did exceptionally well in their respective events.

Sophomore Patrick Peterson excelled in both triple jump and long jump.

Sprinters Dino Quinn and Marvin Davis kept the Panthers on top in the 100 and 220 meter sprints. They both were also leg runners in the 440 relay. Hurdler Tommy Warren came on strong in the beginning of the season with a top time in the 120 high hurdles, but due to an early-season injury, he was forced to help out the Panthers from the sidelines.

Seniors Jerry Dias and Richard Imfeld did a great job in the discus and shot put, while Carlos Pineda, Troy Campbell, Dennis Brophy, and '82 CCC champ John Shaw took over the long distance runs.

Modesto High means to me a lot of good times, great memories, and a super education.

—Tami Nevitt







Head Coach John Miller, Assistant Coaches Mike Kiyoi, Jose Guerrero



Left: JV runner Fred Davis stretches forward to get a fast start. Above, JV Track Team, front row: Leonard Wheaton, James In-

gram, Morey Bland, Fred Davis. back row: Bill Sciarini, Richard Moreno, Gary Hurley, Tim Gorne, Charles Light.



Left: Panthers Mike Alberto and Patrick Ketchum make their way through the pack. Second Left: Marvin Davis struggles to get as much distance as he can in the long jump. Center Left: Senior Andy Gonzales bends to successfully complete his high jump attempt. Center: With a look of determination on his face, Jose Sarmiento heads for the finish with fellow Panther Patrick Ketchum close behind. Above: In the 70's high hurdle race, Tommy Warren Keeps ahead of Davis and Manteca.



**'Setting records, winning meets; this was the best season Girls Track has ever had.'**  
**Van Valdez**



Right, Girls Track Coach Van Valdez



Above, Girls Track Team, front row: Michelle Foust, M'Linda Nunez, Yolanda Madrigal, Sarah Gonzalez, Betty Chavez, Sabrina Oliney, Manbin Khaira, Vera

Thomas, Deanna Rodriguez, back row: Mona Simmons, Gwen Dooley, Angie Wheeler, Bridgette Simmons, Samantha Lee, Carla Jarvis, Brennita Norris, Melinda Lee, Diane Ranuio, Becky Peeper.



Above: Sophomore Brennita Norris uses all her strength to obtain a good shot put throw.

Upper Left: Mona Simmons comes in ahead of Panther teammate M'Linda Nunez in the 220.

Upper Center: Mona Simmons strives for another win in the 100.

Right: Attempting to pass her opponent, Bridgette Simmons sails over the top in the 110 low hurdles.







Opposite Page, Top: Bridgette Simmons accepts the handoff from M'Linda Nunez and heads for the finish line.

Opposite Page, Center Right: Betty Chavez concentrates on her pace in the mile run.

This Page, Second Left: Senior standout Diane Ranuio stretches her jump as far as possible.

Left: Mona Simmons holds firm ground after a great jump.

Below: Frosh standout Becky Peeper keeps a good pace as she comes up on a Beyer opponent.

Lower Left: Freshman Bridgette Simmons finishes her leg of the 440 relay and hands off to junior Melinda Lee.



# Girls team overcomes weather, new league; set 4 new records

by Tommy Warren

**T**he key words to describe the Girls Track Team were teamwork, endurance, and pride. Sprinting, long distance, field events; the female Panthers excelled in everything.

In past years, lack of involvement plagued MHS, along with the teams of other area schools, but in 1983, noninvolvement was not the problem. Coach Van Valdez said, "The girls I had this year were very talented, and we had a fairly large team to work with, which helped us out tremendously."

Bridgette Simmons and Melina Nunez led the freshman members. Their ability in sprinting was well appreciated. Along with them, sophomore Mona Simmons, junior Melinda Lee, and senior Diane Ranuio excelled in each of their respective events. Diane and Melinda concentrated on the long jump and triple jump, while Mona was the top competitor in the 100 and 220 meter runs.

Running long distance takes strict determination and endurance. Michele Foust, Sarah Gonzales, Yolanda Madrigal, and Betty Chavez had these

qualities and ran the longer races for the Panthers.

Although the weather affected the Girls Team as well as the Boys Teams, it didn't stop them from having some excellent performances. At one meet, Mona Simmons broke her own record in the 100 meter, along with breaking two other records (including the long jump) that had stood for three years.

Overcoming weather conditions and other problems that occurred, the 1983 Girls Track Team went the distance and made the most out of their first season in the VOL.



Modesto High School is of the highest quality and I'm very proud of it as a school and to have been a part of its tradition and heritage. MHS will always hold a special place in my heart. —Karl Finch



**'We had the most talent I've  
seen since coming to MHS.'**  
—Jess Garcia



Right, Varsity Softball Coach Jess Garcia



**'We had better pitching and  
more talent than we've ever  
had before; we had the po-  
tential to win the league.'**  
—Denise Presley

Left, JV Softball Coach Frank Jenkins



Above, Varsity Softball Team,  
front row: Stephanie Heersink,  
Irene Ramos, Sandy Romey, Amber  
Kirksey, Anne Verissimo, Denise  
Presley, Sandi Grover. back row:  
Teresa Case, Lisa Andrews, Pauline  
Anaya, Rachel Cole, Sheryl Harden-  
brook, Becky Stearns, Catherine  
Mihelis, Stacy Lanphear, coach Jess  
Garcia.



Above, JV Softball Team,  
front row: Kristi Nielson,  
Charlotte Parker, Trena New,  
Cindy Vermeulen, Deanna Haro,  
Ludy Veldhuizen, Della Redding.

back row: Coach Frank Jenkins,  
Shannon Pearson, Angel Raya,  
Jennifer Azevedo, Stephanie  
Presley, Hong Thai, Michele  
Ehrler, Barbie Imtress, Trena In-  
gram.



Above: Senior Sheryl Hardenbrook easily beats a  
Downey pick-off attempt.  
Upper Left: Sophomore Anne Verissimo slides in-  
to third under a late throw by Ceres.  
Upper Right: With a look of determination  
Stephanie Presley lays down an easy base hit.  
Right: Keeping a watchful eye on the pitcher,  
Becky Stearns cautiously leads off.  
Second Right: Pauline Anaya heads for second  
after belting a long fly.







Second Left: Between innings, Anne Verissimo practices her fielding abilities.  
Left: Before a game, Stephanie Presley warms up with her teammates.  
Below: Senior fielder Sandi Grover listens in disbelief to an umpire's decision.  
Lower Center: Second baseman Stephanie Heersink prepares to put the tag on a Downey player.  
Lower Left: Lisa Andrews prepares to put one over the fence during the Ceres game.



## Softball talents break 46-game losing streak with victory string

by Sheryl Hardenbrook

**A** 46-game losing streak was finally broken when the Girls Varsity Softball Team defeated Ceres High School 8 to 3 to open the 1983 campaign. The Panthers continued their winning ways with victories over Downey and East Union early in the year. This was only the start of a good season for the Panthers.

"We had a very young team this year but it's the most talent I've seen since I came to MHS," stated Coach Jess Garcia.

The Varsity Team was fortunate to have six returning members, three seniors and three juniors. Leading the team's offensive drive, with powerful

hitting and strong base running were seniors Sheryl Hardenbrook and Chris Mihelis; also helping were Denise Presley, Lisa Andrews, and freshmen Pauline Anaya and Catherine Mihelis.

Defense was a definite strong point in '83 as sophomore standout Rachel Cole led the team in pitching. Denise Presley was strong as catcher, and backing her up in the field were first baseman Sheryl Hardenbrook, second basemen Stephanie Heersink and Amber Kirksey, and third baseman Anne Verissimo. Catherine Mihelis and Stacy Lanphear shared the shortstop position. In the outfield were Pauline Anaya, Lisa Andrews, Becky Stearns

and Sandi Grover.

"Although our team was young, we were all equally talented and versatile," stated senior Sheryl Hardenbrook. This increase in talent and versatility made a big difference in the results of the season, after more than four years of drought.

Under coach Frank Jenkins, the JV squad had an equally good season with five returning players. The freshmen who participated were willing to learn fast and play hard, enabling them to be key factors of the team. This showed up in their first game of the season, a win against Manteca, and continued throughout the year.



It makes me feel special just to take part in an event such as the Centennial Celebration.

—Holly Beatty



# Bad weather alters early schedule; debut in new league delayed

by Rhonda Albright  
and Denise Presley

Several obstacles stood in the way of the Boys Varsity Baseball Team: joining a new league and tackling adverse weather conditions were the most obvious of those, but contending with the success of a league championship last year also proved difficult at times. Coach Marty Boer said, "Despite the bad weather and changing leagues, this year's team gelled together to form a tough and competitive ball club. I know some of the other teams regarded us as the VOL favorites, but I cautioned the guys not to get overconfident."

Facing new competition, unfamiliar

faces, and different coaching styles, the MHS baseball team started the '83 season with blindfolds on their eyes. The Panthers had nine returning seniors, four of them starters, plus one returning junior, also on the starting lineup. Boer recalled, "It was hard to predict how well our team would do at the season's start. I figured that Manteca and Modesto would battle it out all season, which is exactly what happened."

Because of the rain, the team started practice one week later than scheduled. Just when it finally seemed like baseball weather had come to stay, it rained again, forcing practice games to be cancelled and league play to start a

week late. Although in the first few games the Panthers' performances were uneven as they showed the effects of lack of practice, it didn't take them long to get back into the swing of things.

Coming away from the CCC league championship of last year, the varsity team was inspired by the accomplishment of the previous year and determined to have a repeat. "The boys knew what they had to do to have another successful season. They had to make sacrifices and pull together as a team. Also, they had to support one another despite every problem and keep a positive attitude," remarked Boer.

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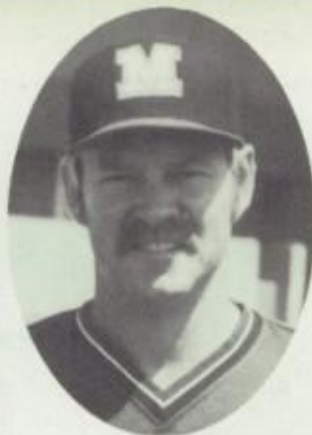
Above: Dennis Wend steps in to get a good hit.  
Upper Left: Pitcher Shannon Nicholson drives one into the plate.  
Right: Randy Dill gets a firm grip on his catch while keeping an eye on the outfield.



MHS is a magnificent collage: it contains a variety of architectural styles, a diverse and talented staff, and a student body representing a bewildering array of ethnic groups and cultures; producing knowledgeable and worthwhile citizens.

—Marvin Lundquist





***'The boys knew what they had to do to have a successful season, and they went out and did it.'***  
**—Marty Boer**

Left, Varsity Baseball Coach Marty Boer  
 Second Left: After tagging his opponent out, shortstop Humberto Urquidez, along with second baseman J.B. Nicholson, prepares to go in.



Above, Varsity Baseball Team, front row: J.B. Nicholson, Vince Furtado, Melvin Borja, Daniel Nava. second row: Humberto Urquidez,

Shannon Nicholson, Jeff Bradley, Felipe Ybarra, Butch Elinburg. back row: Francisco Lopez, Jessie Mendoza, Tony Reis, David Zehnder, Randy Dill.



Above: Keeping an eye on the ball, Felipe Ybarra puts it right where he wants it.  
 Left: Shannon Nicholson stretches to his fullest extent to catch a line drive.  
 Second Left: Outfielder Butch Elinburg concentrates on the best place to throw the ball.  
 Upper Left: Pitcher Francisco Lopez prepares to throw a curve ball.  
 Upper Center: Vince Furtado slams one out-field.





# Good team efforts contribute to successful season for sluggers

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**I**n spite of all the problems we've had to face this year, this team pulled together in time for their first few games of the season and I looked forward to an excellent year," recalled six-year Coach Marty Boer. In pre-season play the Panthers won 4 of 7 games, including placing second in the Dick Windemuth Easter Classic.

"In order to have a good team, you must have good pitchers. I feel that the Panther pitchers were as good as or better than any in our league," said new assistant coach Ron Smith. The 1983 pitching staff was led by returning seniors Dennis Wend and Frank Lopez.

Also contributing to the staff were juniors Humberto Urquidez, Daniel Nava and Vince Furtado. Together they proved to be very competitive, managing to keep hits and walks to a low minimum.

On defense the Panthers were strong, especially in the infield. Led by first baseman David Zehnder, catcher Randy Dill and shortstop Humberto Urquidez, few errors were made. Filling in at second base were J. B. Nicholson and Melvin Borja and at third base were Shannon Nicholson and Vince Furtado. In the outfield were veterans Felipe Ybarra and Dennis Wend along with first year player Butch Elinburg in

right field. Also helping out in the outfield was senior Jeff Bradley.

Needless to say, the single most important aspect of baseball is hitting. In this field MHS was especially strong. Randy "Bomber" Dill and Dennis Wend led the team with averages of .387 each. Following close behind were Felipe Ybarra, Shannon Nicholson and J. B. Nicholson. Other team members were also consistent in their batting, giving depth to the Panther's scoring efforts.

"This season was definitely an entire team effort," said Dennis Wend. "I feel that everyone contributed everything they had to the team this year."

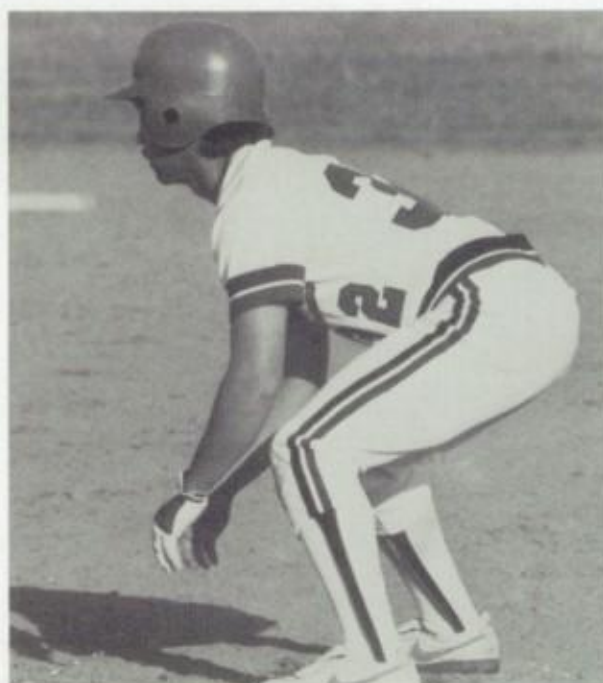


Above: Batter J.B. Nicholson waits for the right pitch to get him on base.

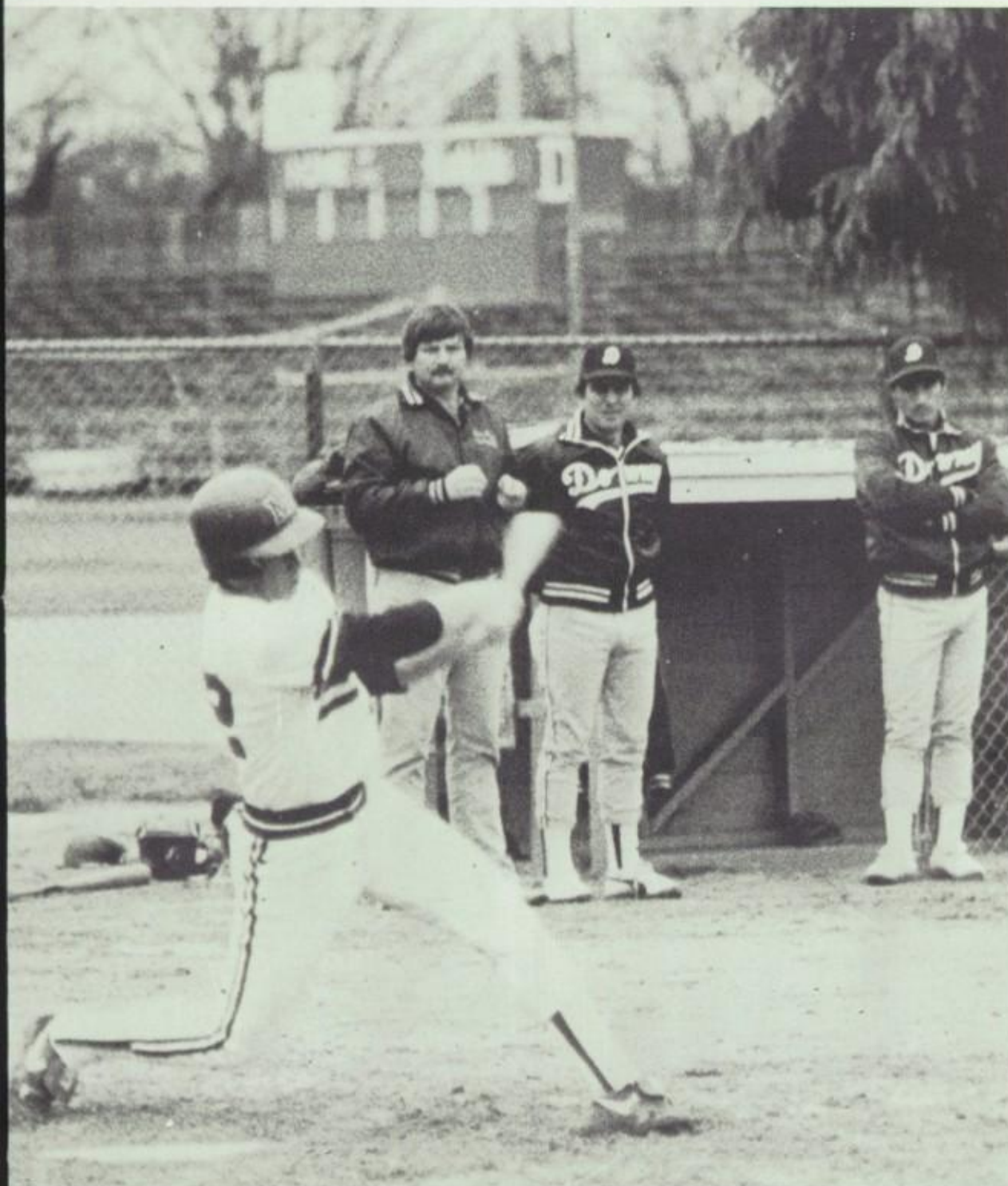
Upper Right: First baseman David Zehnder keeps his eye on the runner and his glove out for the throw.

Right: Felipe Ybarra waits for a chance to steal second base.

Second Right: David Zehnder rounds third on his way to home plate.







**Left:** While Downey coaches watch from the sidelines, David Zehnder slams one out to left field.

**Upper Left:** Team members Jessie Mendoza, David Zehnder, and Shannon Nicholson have one last conference before taking their positions on the field.

**Upper Center:** As Fransisco Lopez fires in a curve, Shannon Nicholson prepares for a grounder.

**Center:** Coach Marty Boer gives Melvin Borja some last minute tips before the start of the game.

**Upper Right:** As a Downey competitor reaches for the ball, Melvin Borja slips in to grab second base.

**Above:** Pitcher Fransisco Lopez "reels" one in for a strike.



Modesto High is the best—forget the rest!  
—Virgil Augsbury



**'We had a good team this year  
with the talent to finish at the  
top.'**  
—David Wilson



Right, Sophomore Baseball Coach Dan Guzzi  
Second Right: Catcher Walter Sutton doesn't re-  
ceive the throw in time to tag out a Ceres opponent.



Above, Sophomore Baseball Team, front row: Shon Williams, Lincoln O'Kezie, Orlando Madrid, Les Kilcrease. second row: Walter

Sutton, Butch Coonce, Philip Medrano, Mark Oliver, Tony Kennedy. back row: Robert Ott, Jeff Brown, David Wilson, Sonny Nash, Jon Green, coach Dan Guzzi.



Above: With split-second precision, Orlando Madrid hits a line drive to center field.  
Upper Right: First baseman Sonny Nash stands ready for any ball that comes his way.  
Right: winding up for a curve ball, pitcher Robert Ott gives it his all.  
Second Right: Catcher Walter Sutton waits for the next pitch to strike out an opponent.





# Soph sluggers slog through rainy opening to make most of season

by Connie Dias

**D**ue to an especially rainy season in March, the sophomore sluggers were not able to get in as many practices as they needed, and several of their games were cancelled because of the bad weather. If the team was lucky enough to start a game, usually it was not lucky enough to finish because of the rain. Yet the team practiced whenever possible, and during games they did their best against every opponent they faced.

"The team was very competitive and could hold its own against any other sophomore team," stated Sophomore

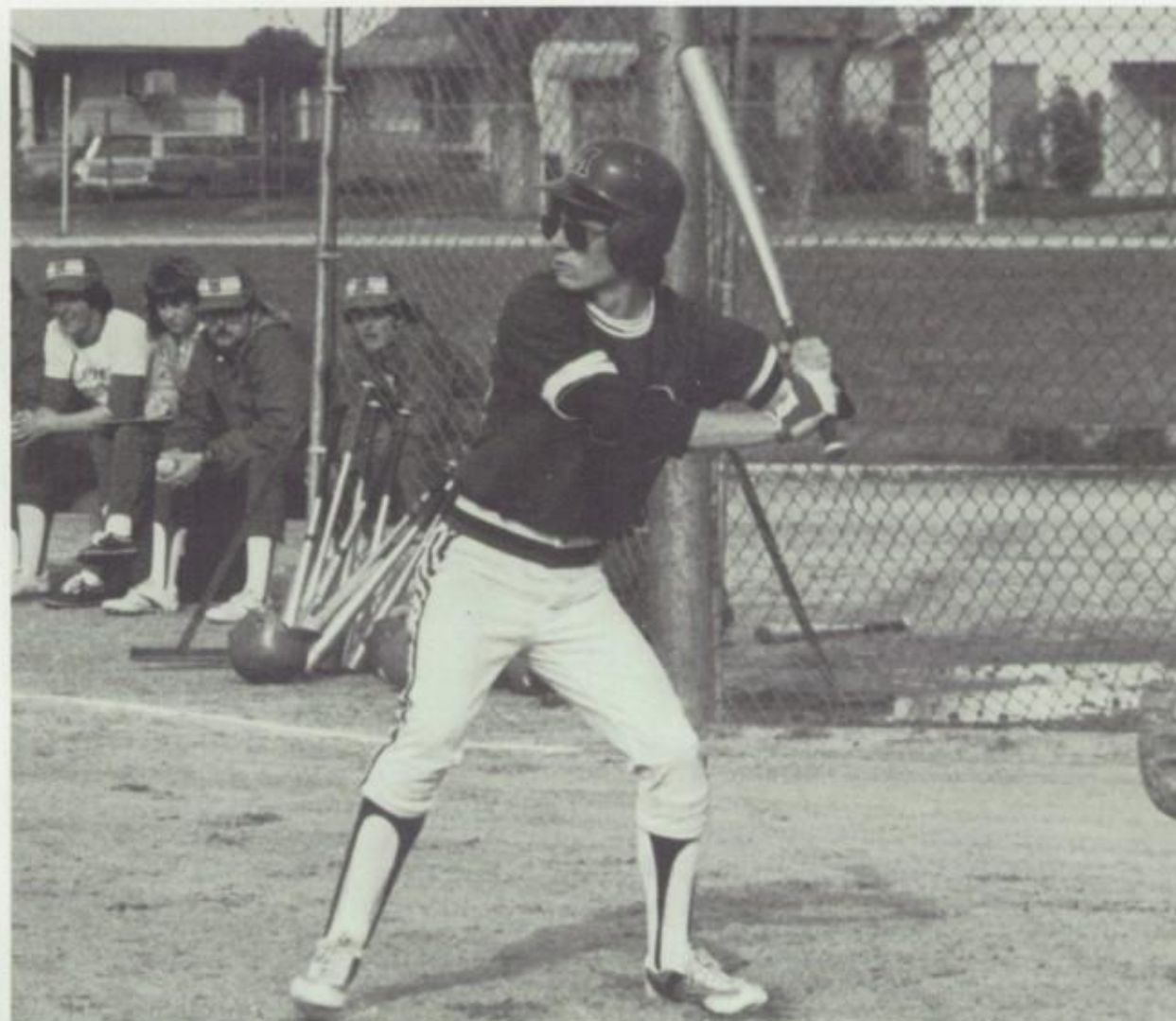
Coach Dan Guzzi. "No one beat us badly, even when we did lose."

The team's defense appeared to be strong with such able outfielders as Bobby Ott, Lincoln O'Kezie, Orlando Madrid and Leslie Kilcrease. The team also had a good solid infield which consisted of strong players like David Wilson, Kenny Boggs, Sonny Nash, Mark Oliver and Walt Sutton. The pitching staff had four successful members, Butch Coonce, Jeff Brown, Leslie Kilcrease and Bobby Ott.

Offensively the team had excellent hitters in David Wilson and Sonny

Nash who were both not only great hitters but also showed a strong ability for leadership. Other team members, Leslie Kilcrease, Mark Oliver and Bobby Ott, were also reliable hitters who came through when needed. David Wilson proved to be an exceptionally outstanding all-around player who was a great asset to the sophomore team.

Stated outfielder Orlando Madrid, "We had a good season this year because we had some great players on our team. Coaches Paul Abby and Dan Guzzi were really good; with their help we made the most of our season!"



Left: Pitcher Robert Ott fires a fast ball to strike out an opponent.

Second Left: Lincoln O'Kezie successfully beats the throw to steal second base.

Upper Left: Eyeing the batter, second baseman Mark Oliver is prepared for a ground ball.

Above: Robert Ott keeps a watchful eye on the upcoming pitch.



I am proud to be a Panther because being a Panther means being someone special. —Michelle Thorn



# Frosh fight to early win while learning techniques for future

by Connie Dias

**'T**he main thing we try to do with the freshmen is get them to the position where they are best suited. This way, by the time they get up to the varsity level the players and coaches know what particular position they can best play," stated freshman coach Wayne McGhee.

The team itself was composed of some very talented ball players. There were

quite a few infielders this season and a number of the players showed an interest in pitching. Mike Rosa, Randy Romey, Brian Nelson, Tom Ortiz and Jim Dunn were some of the better hitters who should see plenty of action in '84 as they move up to the sophomore level, along with Robert Page, who was impressive as catcher.

Shortstop and pitcher Mike Rosa stated, "I think the freshmen are going to do well in the league. We have a lot

of good players who are good hitters and pitchers."

Although, because of the rain in the first half of the season, the team did not practice as much as the would have liked to, the problems of nature did not prevent them from beating the Ceres Bulldogs 13-6 early in the season.

"I feel we have a good team this year and in the upcoming seasons it should be of championship quality," stated pitcher and first baseman Brian Nelson.



Above: Third baseman Dan Sabala waits for the throw to tag a sliding opponent out.

Upper Left: Rick Arias swings with all his might at an oncoming pitch.

Right: Slugger Randy Romey concentrates on getting a base hit.







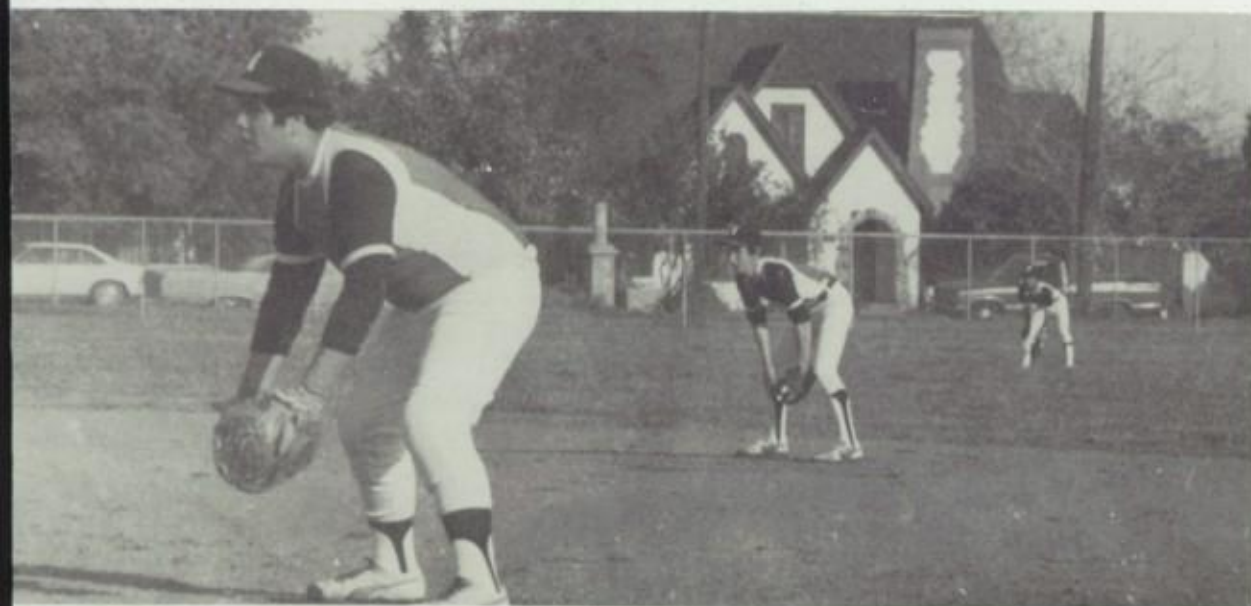
**'With some real good-looking hitters and a couple of potential pitchers it was a good season.'** —Wayne McGhee

Left, Freshman Baseball Coach Wayne McGhee  
Second Left: Mike Rosa delivers another fast ball to his opponent.



Above, Freshman Baseball Team, front row: Cruz Diaz, Lee Jarvis, Robert Page, David Ramirez, Tom Ortiz, Dan Sabala, Dale Redding. se-

cond row: Jim Dunn, Randy Romey, Mike Rosa, Myron Warren, David Baker, Brian Nelson, Rick Arias.



Left: With his eye on the pitcher, Mike Rosa starts off for second base.

Second Left: Catcher Robert Page fires the ball to second to tag out an opponent.

Upper Left: Rick Arias, Cruz Diaz, and David Ramirez all position themselves for an expected grounder.

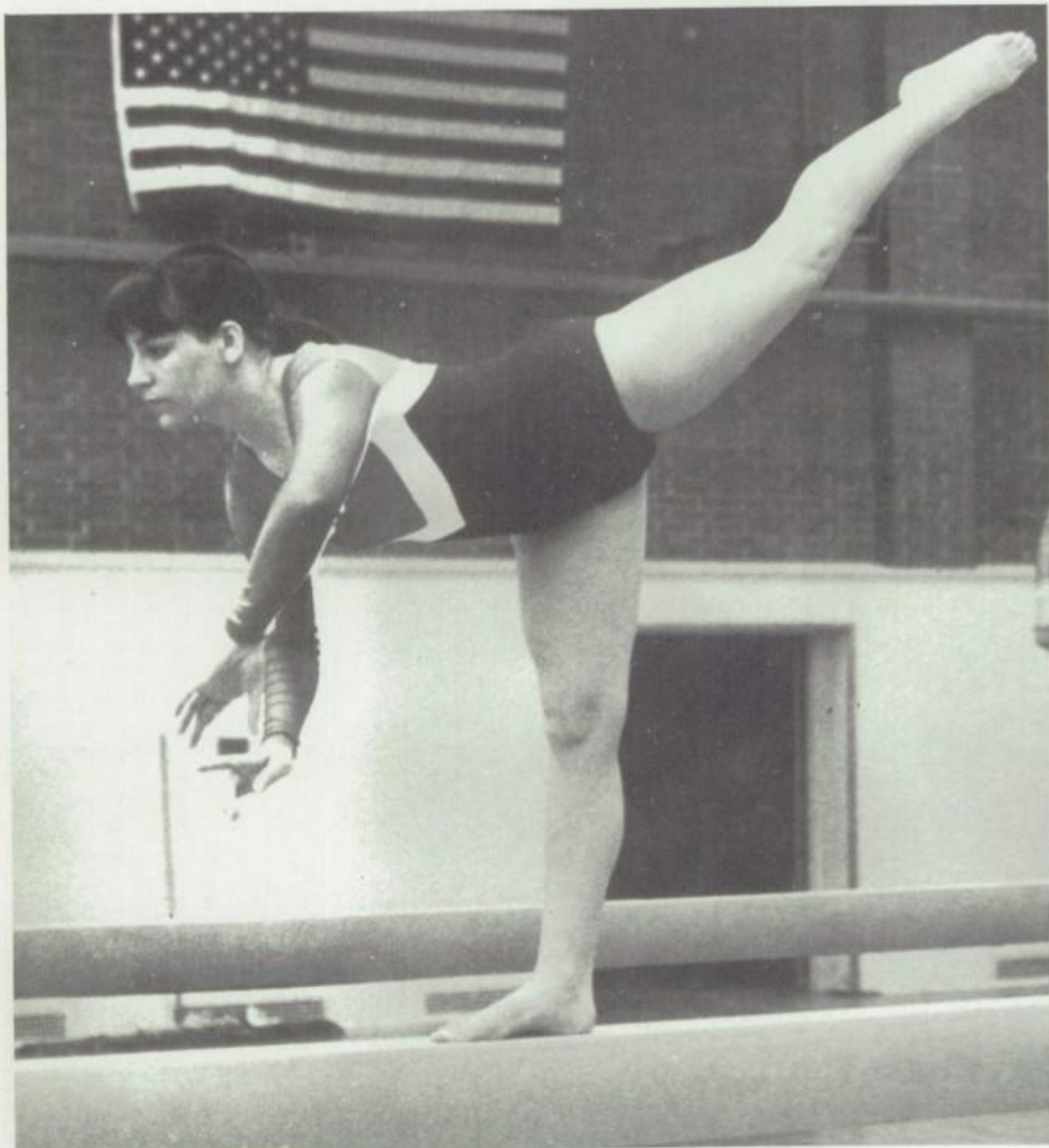
Upper Right: While Brian Nelson fires the pitch, Tom Ortiz positions himself for the expected line drive.

Above: Jim Dunn knocks the ball into left field to bring home a fellow Panther.



Below: On the beam, junior Pam Ketchum concentrates on displaying a graceful pose.  
Right: Varsity team leader Doreen Jenkins

holds a difficult pose during her beam routine.  
Lower Right: Senior Melinda Simpson performs her own beam routine at the Sonora meet.



## '82 CCC champs gain new coach, prove equally tough in new VOL

by Dianne McHale

**A**fter two straight years as CCC Champions, the Varsity Gymnastics Team entered the VOL as prime contenders for the championship crown. Succeeding in outperforming Tracy High School, competing in the VOL only for gymnastics, and tying with Sonora, the 1982 champions, and besting Manteca, the squad garnered a top spot as one of the best teams in the area.

Aside from being in a new league with different competitors, the team also had to learn new judging procedures and a different system of deciding the overall winner of a meet.

Unlike the CCC, in which a team

wins by the accumulation of individual scores, the VOL standards give preference to the number of people who actually place in each individual event in determining the winners. Thus, the team which dominated the most events became the winner of the meet. This procedure was used in all three divisions: Varsity, JV, and Novice. The school winning two out of three divisions was declared the victor of the meet.

The varsity team varied in skill and age, with three seniors, Doreen Jenkins, Melinda Simpson and Penny Grace; two juniors, Kris Lee and Pam Ketchum; one sophomore, Kristin Wing,

who led the team as an all-around gymnast; and one freshman, Sherrie Brownlee. The whole team had the experience of winning and competitive drive which helped them throughout the season.

The team was coached by newcomer Sandy Hart and assisted by Buddy Brewer. Sandy recognized a repeat of two championship seasons would be a hard task but she had high hopes for a victorious season from the very start. When asked to summarize the season, junior Kris Lee concluded, "We had it all! Even against Sonora, we scored more firsts, and the Varsity Team actually won."





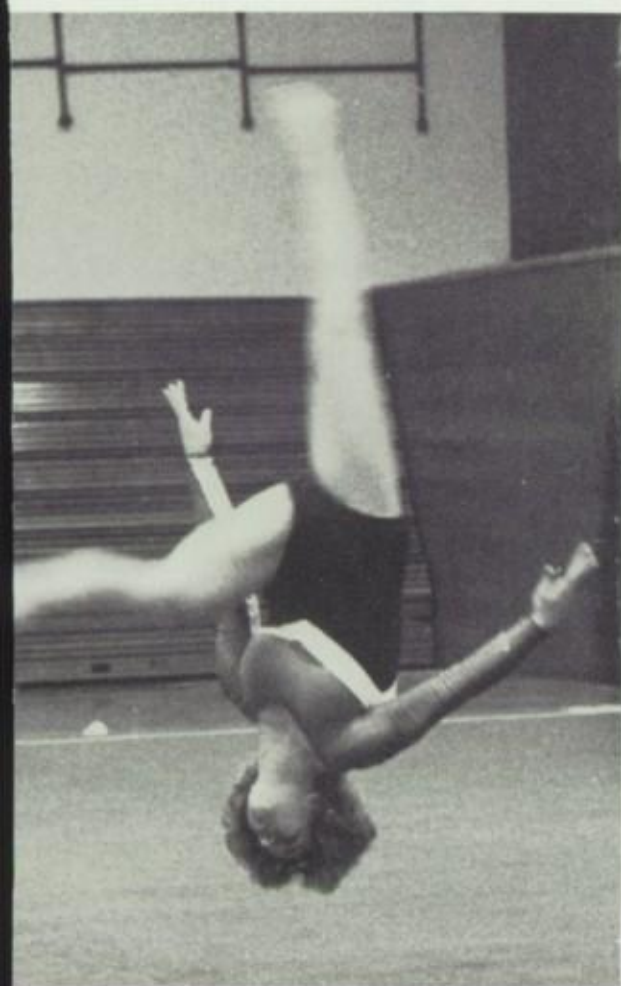
***'My first year as a coach was a successful and fulfilling experience. The girls I worked with made it a great year.'***  
**—Sandy Hart**

Left, Varsity Gymnastics Coach Sandy Hart



Left: Penny Grace prepares to make her dismount from the beam.  
 Above, Varsity Gymnastics

**Team:** Melinda Simpson, Doreen Jenkins, Kris Lee, Penny Grace, Sherrie Brownlee, Pam Ketchum, Kris Wing.



**Above:** As Sonora gymnasts watch, Kris Lee shows flexibility and poise during her floor routine.  
**Left:** On the uneven parallel bars, Doreen Jenkins comes around for her dismount.  
**Second Left:** During her floor routine, Kris Wing performs a number of back flips to impress the judges.  
**Upper Left:** In one of her stronger events, Kris Wing works at obtaining a top score from the judges.



*"The JV and Novice squads were a great bunch of girls. I expect to see a lot more out of them in coming years."*

*—Melanie Morrow*

Right, JV and Novice Assistant Gymnastics Coaches Maureen Simpson and Melanie Morrow



Above, front row, Novice Gymnastics Team: Lisa Miles, Marnie Bradford, Robin Grimes, Carla Hill,

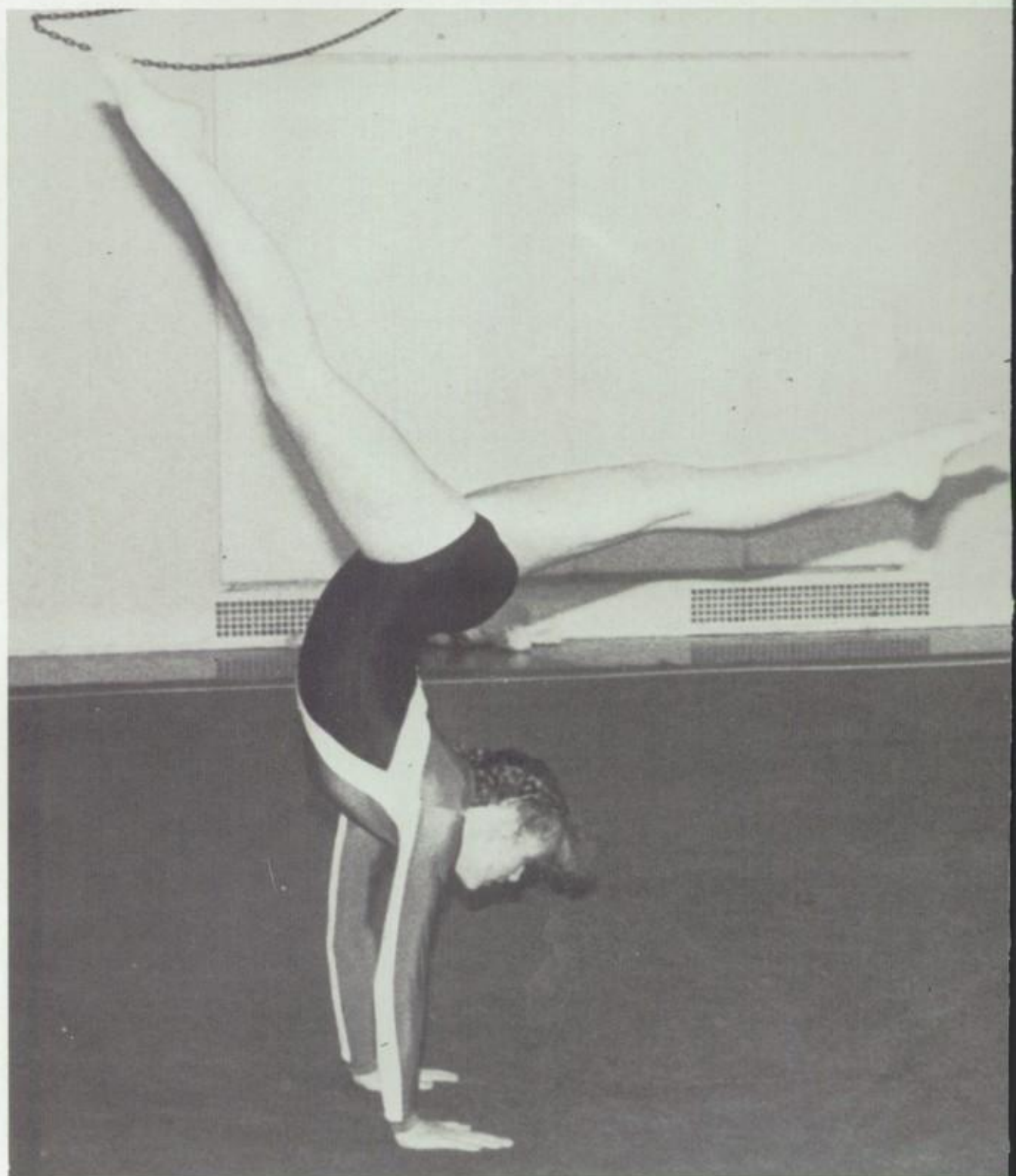
Valerie Ray. back row, JV Gymnastics Team: Tina Deatherage, Sandra Contreras, Nannette Horney, Gina May, Jana Rhine, Nancy Ragar.



Above: Concentrating on her follow-through, Robin Grimes does a successful vault.

Upper Left: Novice gymnast Marnie Bradford concentrates on her balance during her beam routine.

Upper Right: Sophomore Nancy Ragar glides through her compulsory bar routine. Right: During her floor exercise, Tina Deatherage displays good balance and flexibility.







**Second Left:** Gina May goes into the steps for a roundabout dismount.

**Left:** Carefully maintaining her balance, Robin Grimes prepares to do a back roll.

**Below:** Showing good poise, Nannette Horney begins her beam routine.

**Lower Right:** On the parallel bars, Valerie Ray keeps strict thoughts on every move.

**Lower Left:** Showing a "swan dive" leap, Sandra Contreras performs her floor routine with excellent form.



## ***JV's split into two squads as a new approach to competition***

*by Sabrina Farris*

**C**oming into high school as first and second year gymnasts, the JV and Novice squads strove to gain experience in competing and winning. As a new approach, the junior varsity members were split, and a novice team was formed. This change enabled freshman with less experience to perform routines of minimum difficulty, helping them to obtain better scores and gain more confidence.

Standouts on the JV level were sophomores Sandra Contreras, Tina Deathridge and Nancy Ragar. Sandra excelled on bars while Tina and Nancy were strong on the beam. All three appear headed for key positions as Varsity

participants.

Taking over the CCC JV Champions was new coach Sandy Hart. Improving on a championship can be difficult, but Sandy hoped for a victorious repeat of the '82 season.

Helping Sandy with coaching of the JV and Novice squads were ex-MHS gymnasts Maureen Simpson and Melanie Morrow. Both girls were prominent factors in 1982's winning season. Maureen worked with novice members, improving their ability and competitiveness, while Melanie assisted the JV squad. "When the varsity members set a positive example, the result was a harder working JV team," stated Melanie.

The majority of the season followed this theory, which was marked by the determination shown in overcoming difficult obstacles. Facing new competitors brought worries of obtaining another league crown. Tough competition came to Modesto at the Sonora meet. As two-time conference champs, the Wildcats were very threatening. The JV team ended the match in a tie, while the Novice squad lost to their more experienced opponents.

Sandy hopes to see the JV and Novice teams continue to improve in ability and confidence, making them strong varsity and JV teams in 1984. She concluded, "My team's wonderful, and that's all I have to say!"



**'We had a strong team and worked together well. We had the best coach in the league.'**  
**—John Hallford**



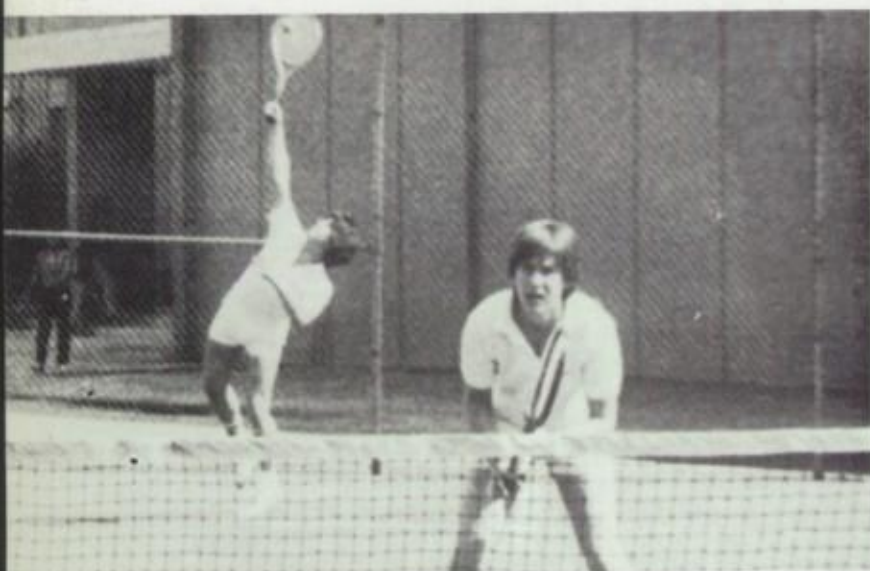
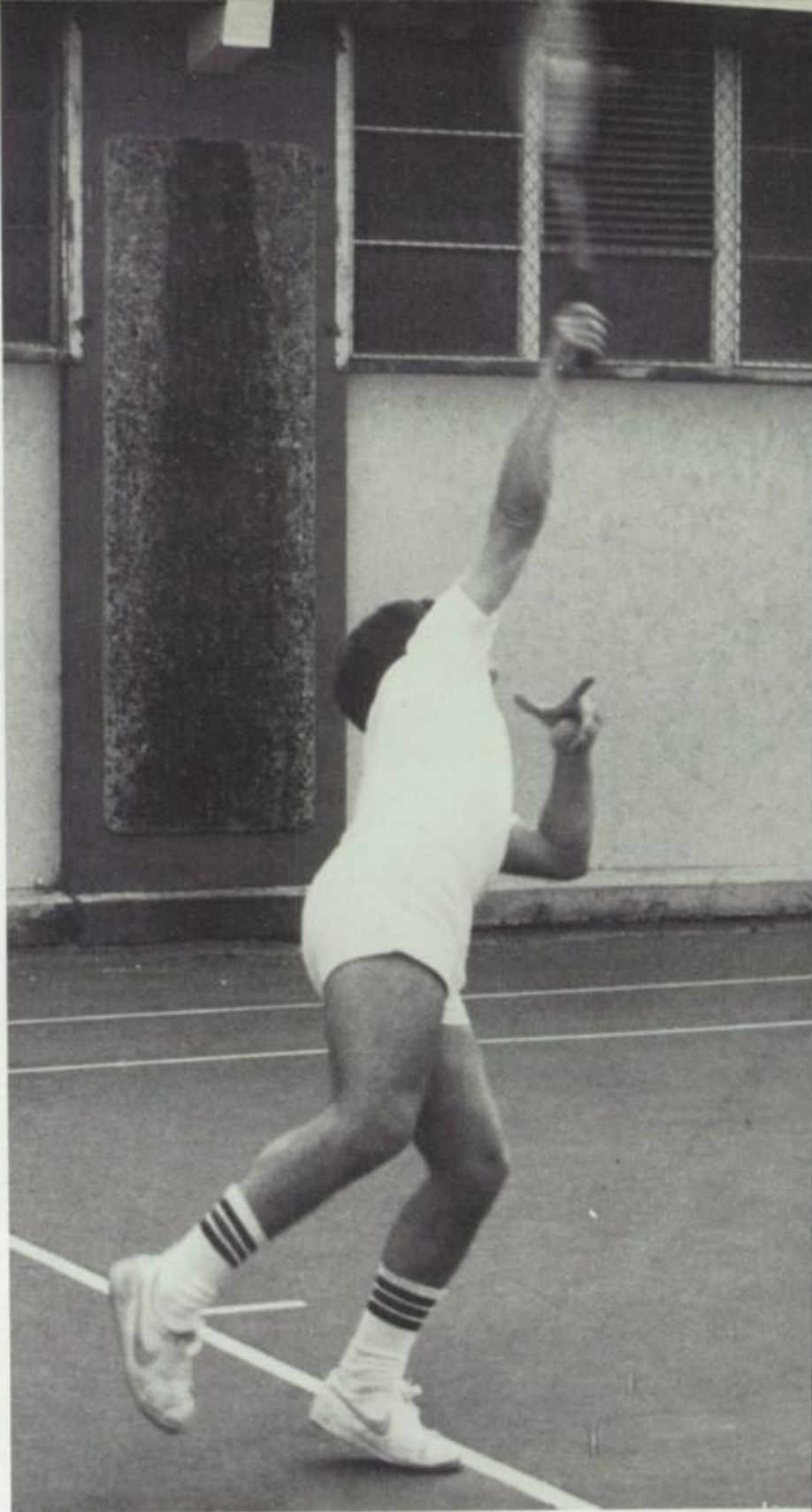
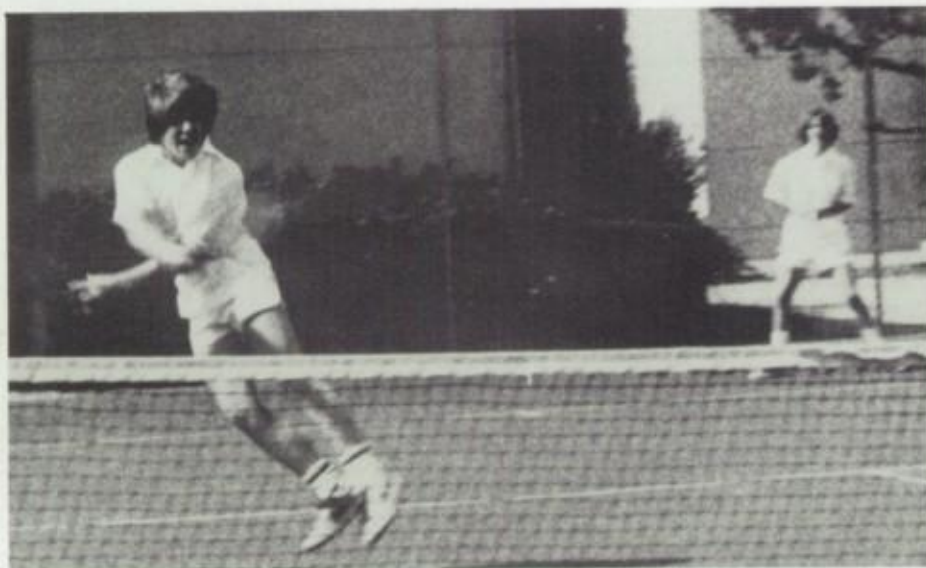
Right, Boys Tennis Coach Dee Killam

Second Right: Showing excellent form and precision, John Hallford slams a serve to an opponent.



Above, Boys Tennis Team, front row: John Bringas, Phil Cearly, Gabriel Pacheco, Jerry

Miller, Justin Smith. back row: Scott Wright, Ryan Dunscomb, Chris Dallenbach, Bill Hartzel, Roger Wright, John Hallford.



Above: While John Hallford slams a serve, his partner Phil Cearley guards the net.

Upper Left: With a look of triumph on his face, Jerry Miller successfully volleys while his partner Justin Smith looks on.

Upper Center: In a pre-game warm-up, freshman Scott Wright polishes up his forehand.

Right: With grim determination showing on his face, Phil Cearley starts the match with a serve.





# New league competition brings successful season to Boys Tennis

by Sandra Grover

**D**espite rain-cancelled matches and wet courts, the Boys Tennis Team's spirits were not dampened. They began practicing for the season in January, with their first match in early March.

Having the attainable goal of winning impressed on their minds, team members practiced diligently during seventh period and after school, five

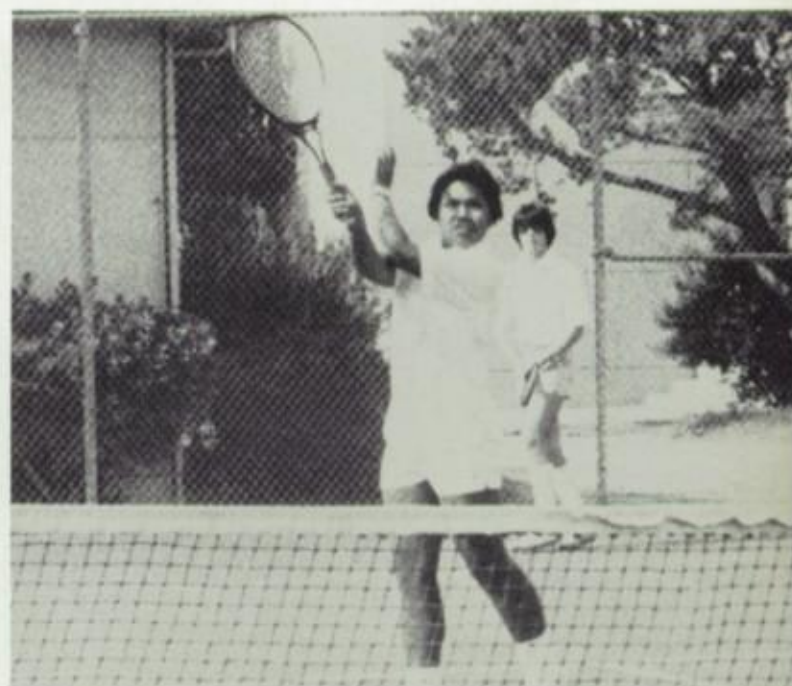
days a week. This valuable time was used to perfect style and strengthen shots and serves.

Comprised mostly of juniors, the majority of the team had played at least one year of tennis on an organized team. Only one senior, John Hallford, was on the team made up of six juniors, one sophomore and two freshmen.

Because of the rainy season opening, the practice games scheduled at the

beginning of the year were canceled, depriving the players of very much needed experience that comes with consistent practice. Their only consolation was that other teams were suffering through dismal weather also, and therefore undergoing the same lack of daily workouts. Despite this disadvantage, the team members played well and won two of their first three matches. Their match with Oakdale was rained out, but the Panthers weren't discouraged, coming back to beat Manteca 9 to 6. They overwhelmed East Union, 13½ to 1½.

With these wins behind them, the Boys Tennis Team went on to have a successful season, showing their superior skill to their competitors in the newly joined Valley Oak League, and setting the pace for the future.



**Left:** With a backhand hit, Ryan Dunscomb successfully returns a serve.

**Second Left:** His face revealing his concentration, Jim Boer goes into a serve.

**Opposite Page, Near Right:** Freshman Justin Smith skillfully returns the ball with a volley, while his doubles partner Ryan Dunscomb awaits the return backcourt.

**This Page, Upper Left:** Senior Bill Hartzel readies himself for the backhand volley.

**Upper Center:** In a competitive match, junior Chris Dallenbach follows through on returning a serve.

**Above:** John Bringas gracefully returns a lob-ball to the opponents' court.



I am proud to be a part of Modesto High School because of the people and the traditions they share and perpetuate. Both as a student and now as a teacher, I feel privileged to be a part of this venerable and vital school.  
—Ken Williams



# Golfers adjust to new courses; battle with Manteca for top spot

by Chris Aldana

**C**ompeting in a new league brought a number of challenges for the MHS Golf Team. Although Sonora didn't field a team, the Panthers had to get used to new courses at Manteca and Oakdale. They played each of their other league rivals four times, making it a good competitive season.

Leading the eight-member team were seniors Chris Aldana, Bo Annvik (exchange student from Sweden), Tom Miller and Brian Nevitt. Junior golfers were Richard Brunetti, Jeff Charron and David López. Sophomore James Aldana was the only underclassman. James also led the six starting players, along with Richard, Chris, Tom, David and Jeff.

Each of the starters made a commitment at the beginning of the season to practice and play faithfully. The result was usually a victorious match for the Panthers. Coach Herb Poddig stated, "Playing golf is an individual sport, and not quite the same as playing a team sport like basketball, baseball or football. When the individual efforts are good, the team has a better chance at

winning a match."

For those golfers who are skillful enough to win most, if not all their matches, individual honors are accorded, of which the most honored are chosen to the all-league team.

Although MHS had to adapt to new and sometimes tougher courses, only Manteca gave the Panthers the competition for which they really had to concentrate to overcome. Halfway through the season, the MHS golfers were 4-2, losing to Manteca twice. The third time the Panthers came up against

the Buffalos, Modesto came out the victor by a close one-stroke margin. At the halfway point, the Panthers were second in the league.

All through the rest of the season, the Panthers strove to their best ability. At the end of the season, the overall team average had improved about fifteen strokes. Leading starter James Aldana concluded, "We might not have a very large team next year, but we still should do pretty well because with the experience we've had this year we'll be a lot more familiar with our opponents."



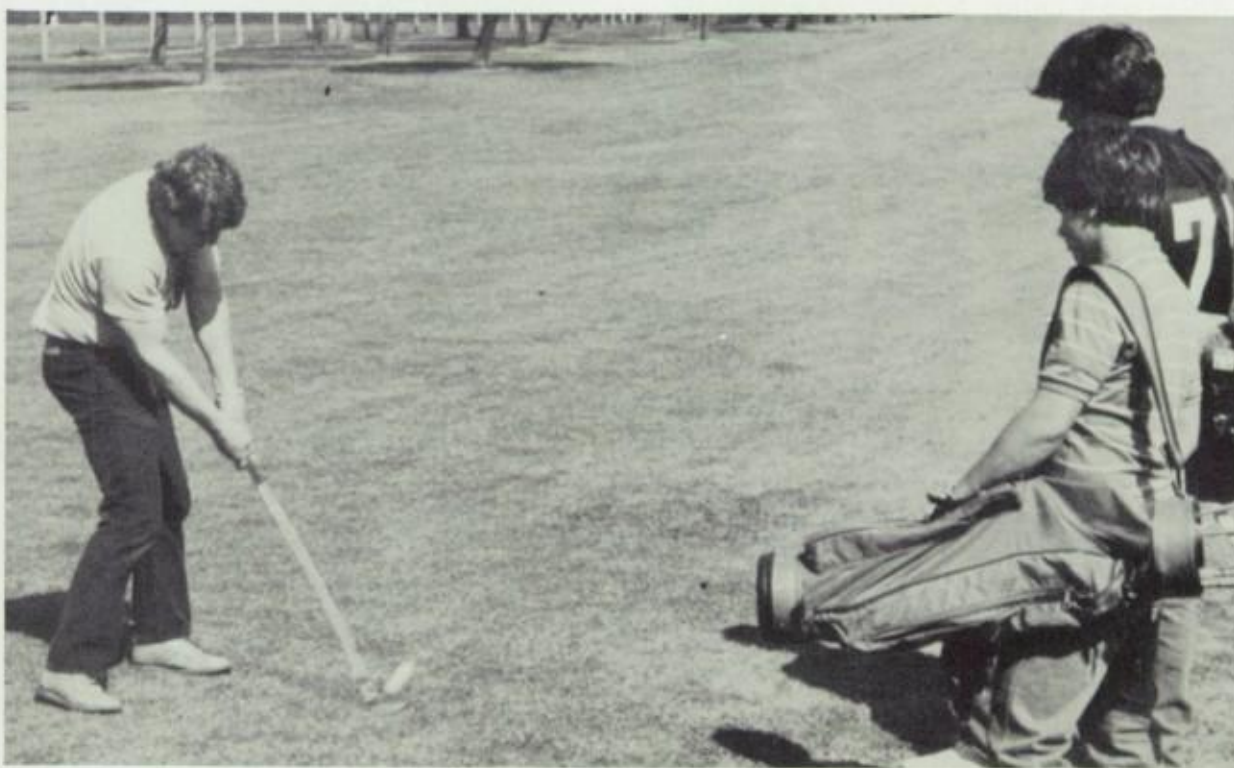
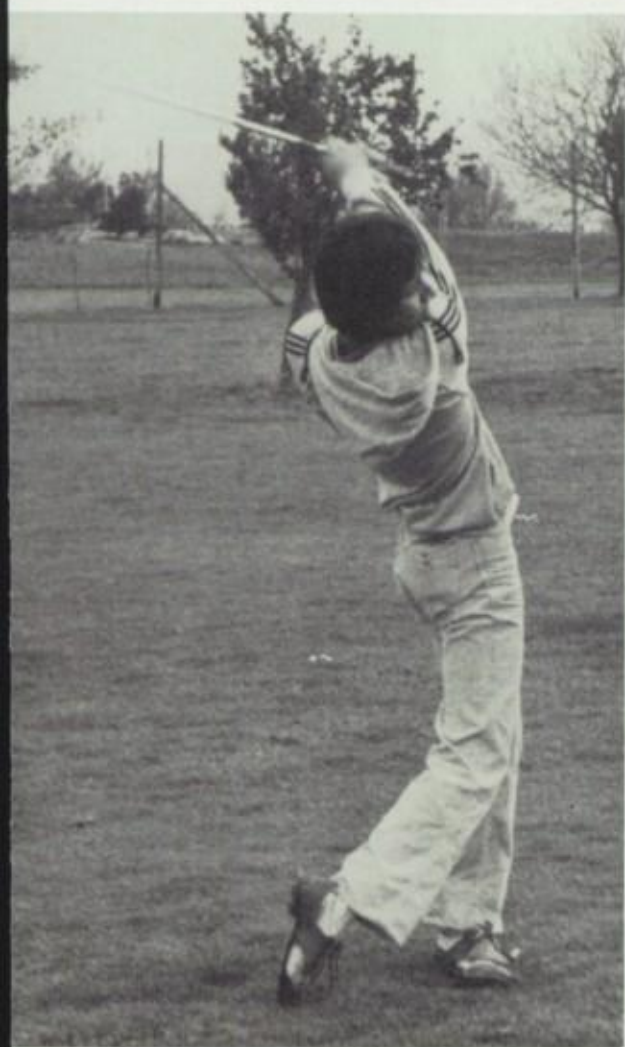
Above: Chris Aldana and Jeff Charron watch as Bo Annvik tees off on the first hole.  
Right: Jeff Charron follows through his tee shot at the first hole.



A Panther is a person with a lot of energy and enough pride to last a million years.

—Melissa Jones





**'I was not surprised to see how they had improved.'**  
**—Herb Poddig**

Left, Golf Coach  
 Herb Poddig



Above, Golf Team, front row: Richard Brunetti, Tom Miller, James Aldana, Jeff Charon. back row: Bo Annvik, Brian Nevitt, David Lopez, Chris Aldana.

Above: Brian Nevitt hits his approach shot to the green as Richard Brunetti and David Lopez stand by.

Left: James Aldana follows through as brother Chris watches.

Second Left: David Lopez putts for par on the ninth hole.

Left Center: After hitting his fairway shot, Chris Aldana follows through.

Upper Left: Tom Miller chips to save par.

Upper Center: On the green, Richard Brunetti putts for par.





# A Century

by Dalinda Angelo



Above: Edwin E. Taylor, who won state and national championships in Band in 1929, poses in his uniform wearing some of his medals.

Right: "Student" Dawn Hudson confers with "teacher" Sean Wani as "parent" Dalinda Angelo asks a question at the turn-of-the-century schoolroom at the McHenry Museum.





# of Involvement



Above: Ray Abdschan, an ROTC cadet in 1923, poses with a rifle.

ver the past one hundred years thousands of students have discovered that becoming involved with the school activities program proved to be very rewarding.

In the early years, elective classes were few and the number of clubs limited. As MHS grew in size, extracurricular activities grew as well. By the 1920's, Modesto High held the reputation of being a truly comprehensive educational institution. Participating in clubs and academics were the high points of many students' lives. To them, getting involved meant much more than just having fun; it was a way of making their years at MHS exciting, worthwhile and memorable.

Clubs reached a peak in the 1930's. There were over 25 organizations to choose from, such as the radio club, aeronautics, archery, rifle, tumbling, model airplane, and stamp collecting. Gradually, students found other interests or opportunities for self-expression, and hobby-oriented clubs such as these died out. In their stead came social and service-oriented clubs such as Tri-Y and Key Club, followed later by clubs more closely aligned with academic pursuits, such as VICA, French, German and Science clubs. Interest in clubs declined during the 70's and 80's, with many of them barely maintaining enrollment.

Academic pursuits have always been taken seriously at MHS. Throughout the years hundreds of dedicated teachers have encouraged students to do their best; the trophy cases overflow with honors and awards from the 1920's onward. Good teacher-student relations have always been a major factor; the feeling of being one big happy family is remembered by many alumni from all decades.

Students who became involved and participated in activities ranging from student government to various clubs to their own academic pursuits found their days full of meetings, work sessions, fundraisers, and practices. Even when everything seemed to be due at the same time, they still felt few regrets. For them, being active meant making a commitment of both time and energy to do well in academics and promote school pride.



Left: President David Snyder and advisor Tony Pruitt outline the Disneyland Trip at a Senior Class meeting.

Below: Dailinda Angelo, Darrin Gharrett and Joanne Potts study their Advanced Biology.



Above: Four-year math student Doreen Jenkins works carefully to get as high a score as possible on an Analysis test.



# A Century of Involvement



by Sean Wani

From the past to the present, involvement has played a major role in the lives of many students. Today's lifestyles and attitudes differ immensely from the past, and though times have changed, some basics from yesteryear's clubs still hold true today.

Perhaps the key lies in the attitude towards involvement which is prevalent today. There was more club participation in the 20's, 30's and 40's, for more students realized the importance of school achievements and academics. Yet we see in times of major budget cuts and program changes that academic and club involvement will always prove essential for Modesto High students.

Getting involved early in the fall was difficult for many. The laziness of summer still lingered in the minds of many students, per-



Upper Left: Emro Bruch displays the medals won by the 1925 championship rifle team, of which he was a member.

Center Left: The championship Dairy Judging Team of 1933 is composed of Paul Couture, Earl Fisher and Rex Freeman.

Left: 1944 MHS students work on a

chemistry experiment.

Above: At a Student Curriculum Committee meeting, Sean Wani, Shelly Stamm, Jeremy Shuman and Vicky Johnson discuss proposed changes in the graduation requirements.

Right: To begin a Rally, Rolando Aguirre and Mr. Gary Runsten lead the Pep Band in a few numbers.



suading them to postpone participation until later in the year. There were, however, a nucleus of students who looked upon the beginning of the school year with excitement, and eagerly set forth to reach their goals. For such students, achievement and success were the objectives they strove to accomplish.

Some of the more active clubs on campus at the present time were rally, band, FFA, MASA, student government, and speech. Even though these clubs were successful, apathy or lack of commitment hindered the growth of many others, which generated few events or activities, despite the good intentions and desires of their officers and advisors.

A recent major setback for student involvement is the imposition of the activity fee on all "performance" extracurricular activities. This

includes not only all competitive sports programs, but also such traditional academic-related activities as speech, ensembles, and band. Although the legality of the \$30 fee, imposed by School Board action in August, 1981, has been challenged in court, its final outcome remains in doubt, and the District continues to charge the fee. This has angered many students, for they now must decide whether they are willing to pay in order to play. It seems ironic that those who are already giving the most of themselves in order to promote and maintain Panther Pride are now being asked to pay for that privilege.

Though participation in extracurricular activities has declined in recent years, academic and club involvement continues to play a major role in the lives of many MHS students.



Upper Left: Near the end of the third annual Write-A-Thon, Jeremy Shuman, Stephanie Wood, John Hallford, David Snyder and Tammy Noffsinger ignore their growing writer's cramp while Kevin McKenna and Connie Dias counts words.  
Upper Right: At a meeting of the student council, Dalinda Angelo and

Joanne Potts listen to another member explain the proposal under discussion.  
Above Left: Ricky Trevino watches as Neil Jackson enters a program into the computer in the Data Processing class.  
Above Right: Pete Ybarra listens to Game Warden Mike Macias at a Career Club meeting.



# Centennial brings busy year for Broadcast; Q & S honors writers

by John Hallford

The past year has been an excellent one for the *Broadcast*, our school newspaper. Staff members have been able to share in the festivities of the Centennial Celebration and at the same time reap some of its harvest.

Although it is sometimes taken for granted, the *Broadcast* has become an important part of many students' lives in that it informs people of activities and happenings on and off campus which, for one reason or another, they may not have known about. Edited by Tammy Noffsinger, it has consistently provided information on athletic events, clubs and curriculum.

Fund-raising events included a car wash and a 24-hour Write-A-Thon, promoted in cooperation with the yearbook staff. In all, staff members netted approximately \$150. Other funds included \$600 from Proctor and Gamble, in a special program whereby the newspaper highlighted students who have

done an outstanding job in a specific area, such as an academic or vocational field.

The *Broadcast* is a unique paper in many ways. It is the only paper in the area in which all of the production work is performed by students, from writing the articles and taking the pictures through typesetting, pasting up, and graphic arts camera work, to running the presses. All of this work is done on the MHS campus. This is because of the feeling of the editor, advisor, and staff that the purpose of the class should be primarily learning how to make a newspaper. Advisor Tony Pruitt says, "It is more important to me for students to learn to work on the newspaper, than to try to make it better than the rest."

Quill & Scroll is an honorary society for students who are thought by their teachers to be outstanding writers. All who are nominated to membership in the organization are chosen by journalism teachers Tony Pruitt and Jim Shuman, or advisor Ken

Williams. The candidates are chosen primarily from the journalism department and differs from a club in that students cannot choose to join; they must be nominated by a faculty member. One advantage of the organization is that membership is for life. Activities of the group included a reception for a group of MHS Alumni who are writers, following the Centennial "Literary Tea" in April, and a joint meeting with the Davis High chapter in May.

Below: As she receives her story back from a reader, Cindy Harrison smiles at the compliment paid her.

Lower Center: Forgetting a planning session, David Hodges shares an amusing story with fellow newspaper staff members Beth Moore, Cindy Harrison and Jennifer Wells.



Above: While preparing a story for a future issue, Mary Yandell skims her notes.

Right: Preparing the *Broadcast* for typesetting, Tammy Noffsinger makes finishing touches on an article.

Second Right: While writing a newspaper article, Dianne Watts receives a picturesque answer to a question from Janet Strickland and Cindy Harrison.



This school is so deeply steeped in tradition that it is truly an exciting experience to be a graduate in our Centennial Year.  
—Jeremy Shuman







Left: At the end of a long day, Beth Moore tries to stay awake long enough to proofread her story. Below, Quill and Scroll Society, front row: Lisa Dickson, Janet Strickland, Cindy Harrison, Sandi Grover, Denise Presley, Sean Wani, Dixie Weststeyn, Doreen Jenkins. second row: Lucy Tru-

jillo, Tammy Noffsinger, Wendy Beauvais, Stephanie Frazier, Dianne Watts, Paula Peeper, Wayne Elam, Dianne McHale. back row: Danita Swinburg, Carla Jarvis, Mary Yandell, Connie Dias, Sabrina Farris, Jeremy Shuman, Ron Lopes, Jason Kanar, Jerry Taylor, advisor Ken Williams.



Jane Corrales employs the Multilith offset press in the job of printing the newspaper.



The Broadcast's graphic arts staff, Troy McCutcheon, Shannon Nicholson and Brian Nevitt.



Left: On one of her typical busy Thursday afternoons, Tammy Noffsinger prepares the Broadcast for printing.

Above, Broadcast Staff, front row: Lisa Dickson, Sandra Contreras, Jennifer Wells. second

row: Tammy Noffsinger, Mary Yandell, Dianne Watts, Cindy Harrison, Janet Strickland. back row: Danita Swinburg, advisor Tony Pruitt, Phillip Henry, Juanita Green, Stephanie Wood, Phillip Cearley.



Opposite Page, Sycamore Staff, front row: Lisa Dickson, Mario Alcala. second row: Paula Peeper, advisor James Shuman, Gary Coonce. third row: Jeremy Shuman, Sandi Grover, Joe Gallardo, Rhonda Albright, David Snyder. fourth row: Dawn Hudson, Sean Wani, Dalinda Angelo, Connie Dias, Debbie Bowling, Stephanie

Frazier, Jake Weston. fifth row: Janica Emig, Dianne Watts, Jason Kanar, Mike Toso, Denise Presley, Tommy Warren, Phil Shuman. sixth row: Jeff Bradley, Chris Aldana, Phillip Henry, Bobby Norton, Sheryl Hardenbrook, Mike Dixon. in tree: Sabrina Farris, Jose Garcia, Lori Howell, Clint McCullough, Gregg Reim, Dianne McHale.

# Panther Heritage preserved by dedicated few

by Jason Kanar

Throughout the years, the Modesto High School Sycamore staff has produced many outstanding yearbooks. This Centennial Yearbook was no different. Although larger than any previous book, the 1983 Sycamore was completed by a staff that overcame many obstacles to achieve a quality product.

Under the supervision of 11-year veteran James Shuman, 24 seniors, 11 juniors and 2 sophomores strove to produce a consistent number of outstanding pages. Also giving a big boost to the staff was production manager Joe Gallardo, a 1982 graduate,

who returned to aid and advise in the completion of the yearbook.

The staff, only a few with previous experience, found that yearbook production brings about the same problems every year: incomplete facts, missing pictures, hard to write captions, and above all, the fear of being late for a deadline. The apathetic attitude apparent at times during the year was marked by poorly-attended production meetings and insufficient finances due to the lack of successful fundraisers. Yet by final deadline time at the end of March, staffers had begun to realize the tremendous

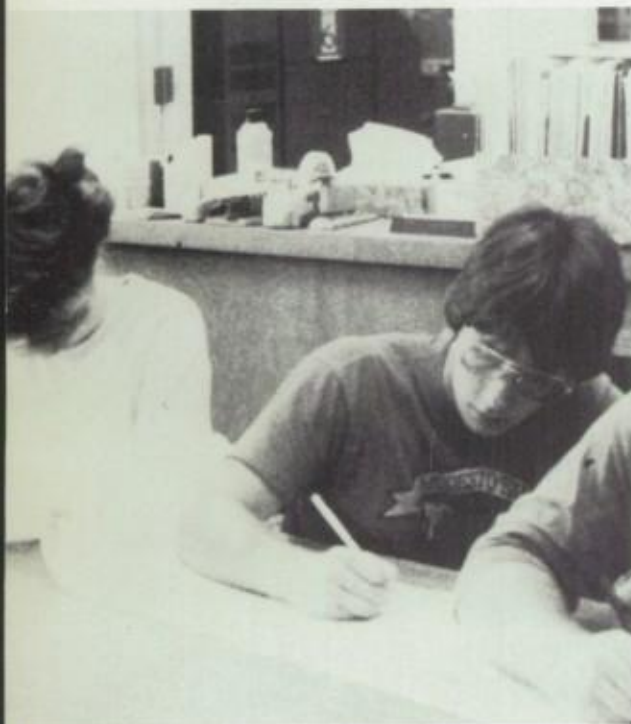
amount of time needed to produce a successful yearbook.

Brainstorming sessions held in summer, along with a trip to the annual yearbook conference in Santa Barbara, began the production of the 1983 Sycamore. During these meetings the theme, "Panther Heritage: A Century of Significance," was chosen and developed in order to focus the yearbook on the school's centennial year.

After looking through other high school yearbooks, including centennial books, the initial plans were agreed upon and actual yearbook production began.

Although a few staff members decided not to continue after the first semester, they were quickly replaced by others willing to take on extra spreads and copy, enabling production to continue.

Following in the tradition of improvement year after year, the 1983 Sycamore was the largest in MHS history. The efforts and struggles involved in completing this book were a great learning experience for everybody involved. Through all of the "hassles" the 1983 staff managed to have fun and learned to compromise with one another.



Above: Writing furiously, John Hallford joins others to break the previous Write-A-Thon record.

Upper Center: Graphic arts cameraman Troy McCutcheon sets the percentage dials on the GA camera.

Upper Right: Connie Dias and Dianne Watts look through the proof book in search of the right pictures for their pages.

Right: Sandi Grover consults editor Jeremy Shuman for help in completing her page assignment.

Second Right: Copy editor Sabrina Farris looks through the World Book Yearbook for summary information as Sheryl Hardenbrook thinks up another caption.









# NFL gains new coach; English Department adds second year to GATE program

by Sean Wani

**A**t 6:00 am sharp almost every Saturday morning, speech students found themselves traveling to tournaments from Stockton to Chico. The team got off to a slow start, but with hard work and endurance, they improved with competition. In class, students learned the basics from how to master the Lincoln-Douglas Debates to how to prepare an original oratory. At competitions, students who placed in their events found themselves winning points and even money. Upon earning twenty-five points, a membership certificate in the National Forensics League was awarded. A few students realized that speech was very worth their time. Winning cash prizes in service club speech contests was a delight to them.

With only one senior member, NFL officers were president Jason Kanar, vice president Sean Wani, and

secretary-treasurer Kim James. Stated coach Megan Gowans, "Since this is my first year as speech instructor, things got off to a slow start, but with the members as young as they are, the following years should provide a much improved team."

The English Department had its good news and its bad news. The good news was that with the beginning of this year, a second new gifted class has started. The first is the freshman class taught by Mr. Kenyon, and the second is a sophomore class, taught by Ms. Gowans. These classes are much the same as the regular classes, except they go into more detail. Ms. Gowans explained that "we just take the regular English classes one step further, with the students reading harder novels and doing creative projects."

The bad news is that a low budget, aging equipment, and overcrowded classrooms are still hurting the English

Department, with little or no relief in sight. The proposed move to the Washington campus was delayed several times, and finally postponed until the 83-84 year. Since English was one of the subject areas involved in the relocation, department members could only hope that "next year will be different."



**Top:** Before putting a conclusion to his English essay, Sam Gonzales thinks about what he wants to write.

**Center Right:** Freshman English students John Bringas, Shawn Hunstable, Suzette Piscitello, Debbie Nand, Lisa Riggs, Florence Lugo, and Diana Wyeth await their next assignment from Mr. James Kenyon.

**Right:** Journalism student Crystal Crowley asks for help from department chairman Ken Williams while Joey Henriques joins other class members in working on their own projects.

**Second Right:** Debbie Bowling concentrates on taking notes during her Masterpieces class.







Left: AFS student Christine Dhanis tries hard to comprehend as much English as possible. Below, NFL, front row: Pam Ketchum, Chris Beatty, Hugo Vera, Cheri Cope, Sena Wani. se-

cond row: Phil Cearly, Laurie Medeiros, Renato Balenovich, Denise Presley, Johnny Klink. back row: Jason Kanar, Ron Lopes, Jeremy Shuman, Loren Dieu.



Left: Matt Stiles and Sherry Brownlee attempt to read *Merchant of Venice* while Tanya Echols, Brian Nelson, Angie Gonzales, Marnie Bradford, Ludy Veldhuizen, Janna Rhine and Carl Geisler lose control as the teacher leaves the room. Above: Maxi Magana, Kim James and Ron Lopes discuss the outcome of a Lincoln-Douglas debate during speech class.

Center Right: Hugo Vera and Renato Balenovich await the bell while Pam Ketchum, Cheri cope, and Sandra Contreras use the last few minutes for gossiping. Above: During a Lincoln-Douglas debate, Jason Kanar presents his arguments on the topic of euthenasia.

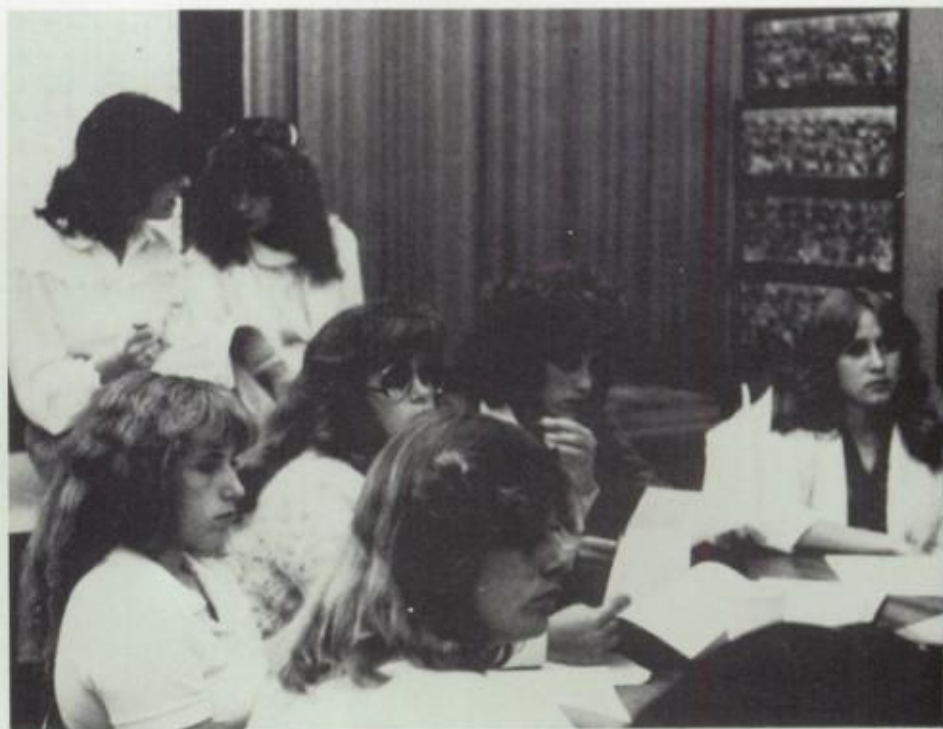


Our Centennial Celebration is the culmination of all Modesto High's spirit-raising since 1883.  
—Jason Kanar



Below, Student Council, front row: Kashmir Gill, Sabrina Farris, Sean Wani, Dalinda Angelo, Joanne Potts, Doreen Jenkins,

Shawyne Clark. back row: Steve Bryant, Denise Presley, Lori Howell, Dianne McHale, John Hallford, Betty Chavez, Monica Contreras, advisor Rodney Owen.



Upper Right: While Lori Howell and Sabrina Farris confer in the background, Denise Presley, Leslie Anglim, Laurie Medeiros, Dianne McHale and Doreen Jenkins listen to the new budget proposal.

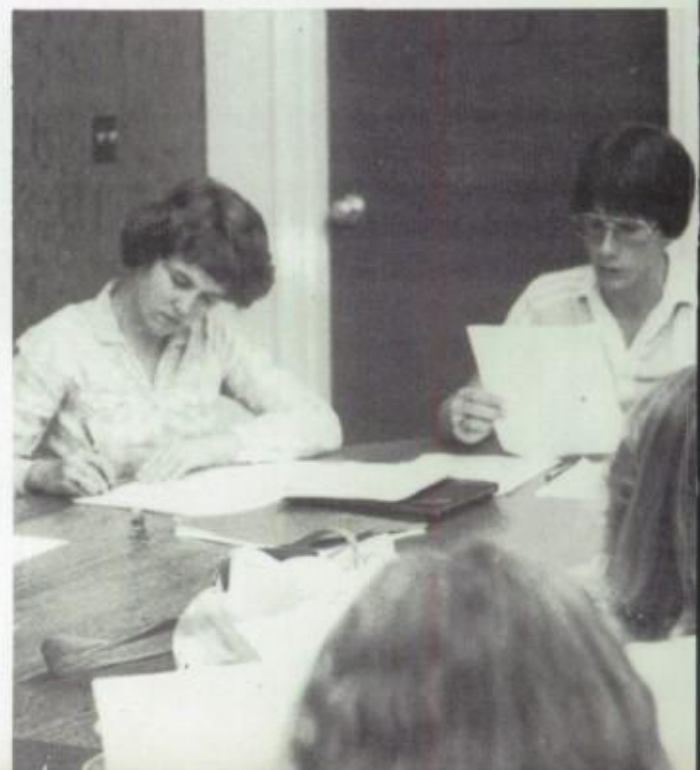
Right: Kashmir Gill, Denise Presley, Lori Howell, Steve Bryant and Dianne McHale look over copies of the new budget.



Above: Sean Wani, the 1982-83 student representative to the School board, attends a meeting in the Beyer High little theater.

Right: Treasurer Joanne Potts and senior class rep Doreen Jenkins listen to a junior class report.

Second Right: While president John Hallford reads over new business, secretary Debbie Bowling catches every word.





# Busy Student Council gains new advisor; sends first-ever rep to School Board

by Lori Howell

Seventeen students from all areas of the student body combined to make student council one of the busiest organizations on Modesto High's campus.

Under the leadership of student body president John Hallford, members of the council accomplished several tasks. They managed a new budget, revised the constitu-

tion, and raised an extra \$750 through various fundraisers.

Advising the students through the year for the first time was Mr. Rodney Owen. Although there were many problems to face, Mr. Owen always looked ahead with a positive attitude. His experience as a faculty member, NFL advisor and coordinator of football concession sales for many years

gave him insights into the nuances of MHS needs and practices.

The Centennial Year brought about many ideas shared by the members, all wishing to plan activities that would be enjoyed by the entire student body. From promoting a "Dance Through the Ages" in January to planning and making a float for the Centennial Parade in June,

tasks that took time and dedication were executed by committees formed by several of the members.

One of the main concerns facing student council members was the revision of the constitution. Devising new regulations and updating old ones was a major priority at the weekly Student Council meetings.

A significant participant in student government was Inter-High Council member Sean Wani. Sean, a top academic student, was the first MHS student ever selected as a representative on the Modesto City Schools Board. Sean attended all Board meetings and participated in discussions with the seven elected Board members. His only restrictions were that he could not vote and could not participate in "closed door" personnel discussions.

"I reviewed student input and discussed student views with the Board," Sean stated. "Even though the meetings were long (often more than two hours), it was interesting learning all the new Board procedures."

Being a member of Student Council was not an easy job, but with seventeen student leaders all working together, the problems of a difficult but rewarding year were resolved without major setbacks.



Left: As Sabrina Farris checks for accuracy, Sean Wani adds up the budget figures.

Second Left: Shawyne Clark, Lori Howell and Dianne McHale listen to old business.

Upper Left: Inter-High Council rep Sean Wani, vice president Dalinda Angelo, and treasurer Joanne Potts react with varying degrees of enthusiasm to a new spending proposal.



Panthers are by far the best thing around.

—Karla Hill



# Social Science maintains strong program despite cutbacks; AFS hosts three students

by Dianne Watts

Over a period of four years, students who attend MHS must successfully complete courses in world geography, American history, and government. Social science classes are not always enjoyed, but nevertheless a must to graduate.

Under the supervision of Mr. John Sample, Social Science Department chairman, all social science teachers are responsible for instilling a basic understanding of land mass, world culture, American history, and different types of government to students during their freshman, junior and senior years. "Our program is nothing like it was five years ago," commented Mr. Sample. "With funding cutbacks and so forth there just aren't enough staff members to meet the need." The department consists of eleven instructors teaching not only the required courses, but also a few optional classes such as consumer awareness for all students on the general plan, and social science remediation for seniors who need to pass the competency test. For the extra talented students a GATE program is available.

For those students who yearn to see the culture and government of a foreign

country, AFS provides either summer or full year programs for student exchange.

Four MHS students were able to spend time abroad the past year. Returning home from Costa Rica in August was '82 graduate Sandra Lubeck, along with Ponci Madrigal, who spent the summer in Germany, and Patricia Vera who returned home from Spain. Another '82 graduate, Maria Contreras, spent a year in

Italy.

MHS played host to three foreign students during the current year, Christine Dhanis from Belgium, Bo Anvick from Sweden, and Bettina Christianson from Denmark. Christine was sponsored by the AFS program, Bettina traveled under YFU, and Bo came under a private program.

In order to help pay costs of students interested in the AFS program, the club put

together a cookbook of cookie recipes from all over the world, which they sold for \$3.00 a copy. Sponsored by Mrs. Maridale Smith, the club was run by a dedicated panel of officers consisting of president Sean Wani, vice president Louis Madrigal, and secretary-treasurer Monica Contreras. The group met periodically to organize fundraisers and activities for the benefit of those who were chosen to spend time abroad.



Upper Right: During a mock trial in Mr. Sample's government class, "Judge" Dennis Wend closes the case, as "D.A." David Absher and "court clerk" Sherri McClung breathe a sigh of relief.

Right: Becky Bartoo and her escort discuss the events of the evening as they wait in line at the AFS dinner.

Second Right: While waiting for the film to start, Greg Zuniga prepares to take notes as Darlene Skaggs, Jean Peck and Shellie Wilson amuse themselves with idle gossip.



*I enjoy going to Modesto High because this school treats the students as people and not just another name on a computer sheet.*  
—Rachel Gomez







Left: Belgian exchange student Christine Dhanes sells an AFS cookie cookbook to fellow AFS-er Sandra Contreras.



Lower Left: In Dr. Rancano's ESL Social Science class, Sokuntheary Saing and Hien Phan take a test on United States topography.



Above, AFS Club, front row: Holly Beatty, Donna Shaw, Christine Beatty, Jovita Madrigal, Shawyne Clark. second row: Carmen Ramirez, Ruth Vera, Sandra Contreras, Beth Moore. third row: Juanita Garza, Kathi Dixon, Louis Madrigal, Jason Kanar, Phil Shuman, Sean Wani. back row: Chris Waldo, Bo Annvik, Arthur Martinez, Darin Gharat, Jeremy Shuman.



Above: At the December AFS banquet French teacher Judy Remmers serves guests.

Left: Geri Peek skims through her American history notebook to find a missing assignment.

Second Left: As "District Attorney" Tommy Warren emphasizes an important point in his case, Dave Verissimo, Sergio Harrison and Carlos Morales impatiently await the outcome of the trial.





# BSU presents excellent assembly, travels to Fresno; MASA holds 'most successful' dance of year

by Dawn Hudson

**T**here are two prominent ethnic organizations at Modesto High. The Black Students Union and the Mexican American Student Association are very dedicated to promoting unity and understanding among all students. Both organizations help retain the traditional "Panther Pride."

BSU gives black students a sense of pride in themselves and their community, it enlightens the entire school community about the black culture and provides understanding about their heritage. The 42 member organization held various fund raisers throughout the year, one being singing telegrams which brought in a fair amount of money. The funds were used for a long awaited trip to Fresno for a convention which the BSU members attended.

In the course of the year, students held the annual BSU Assembly during Black History Week. With participation from the Christian Baptist Choir it proved to be very entertaining and interesting, which included singing and poems that were written by many of the BSU members.

MASA seeks to share the Mexican American culture and provide an atmosphere of interaction within the MHS campus. MASA also provides orientation services to newly arriving immigrant students. Many get involved and spend a lot of time and energy putting together assemblies and letting others know about their culture. The annual "Cinco de Mayo" Assembly displayed different costumes worn by natives of Mexico, with a bright array of colors and styles, along with several types of Mexican dancing.

The club sponsored one of

the most successful dances of the year early in the fall, and promoted their Cinco de Mayo Princess campaign as the primary fundraiser for the spring. Their efforts at promoting ethnic understanding and good will were well received by the general student body.



**Upper Right:** MASA president Hector Villapudua announces the next dance during the MASA Assembly.

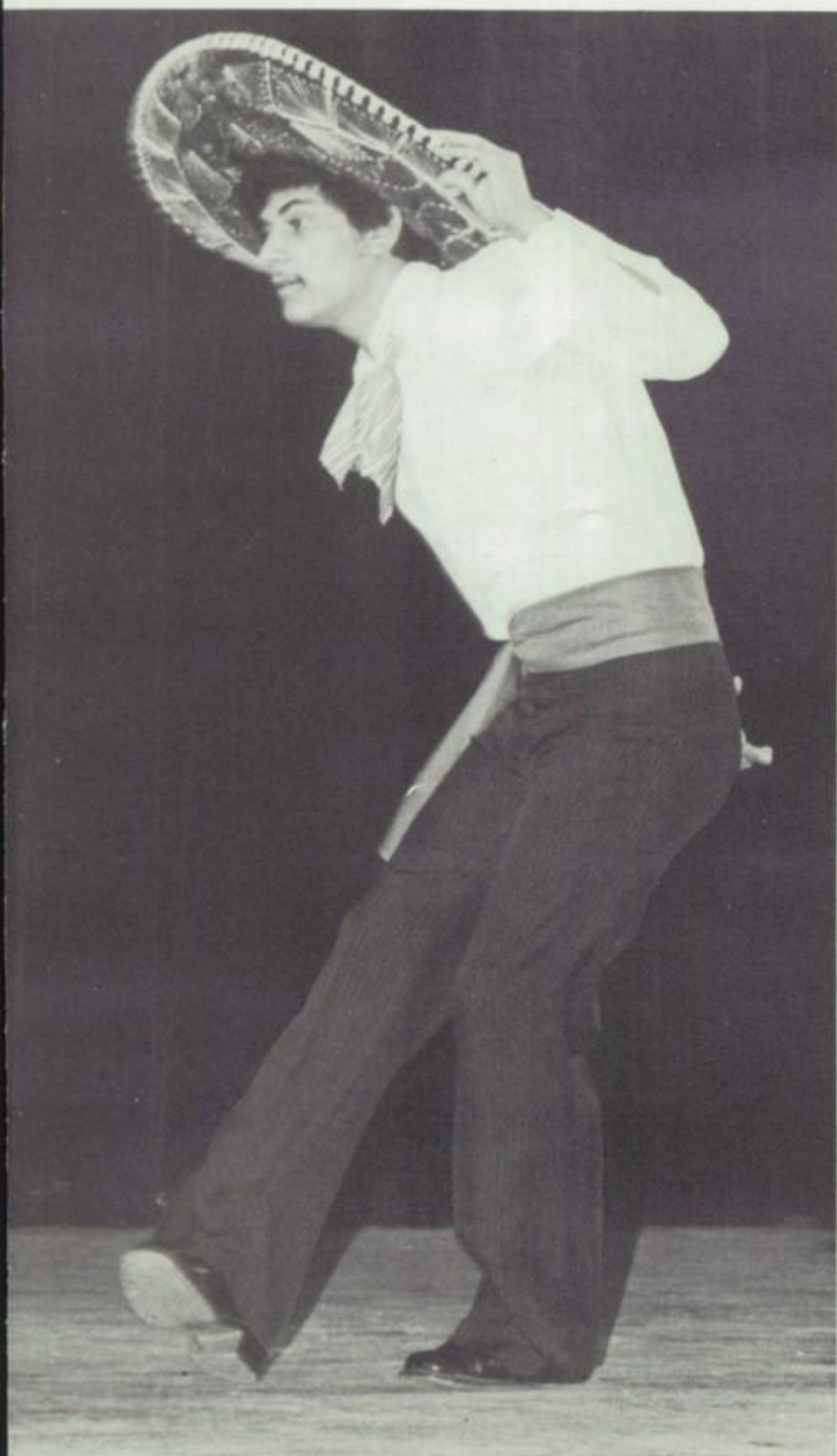
**Upper Center:** Dancers Miguel Hernandez and Beatrice Peral put a finish on their Mexican Hat Dance.

**Right:** During the BSU Assembly skit, Tommy Warren attempts to convince "scoffers" Junior Shaird and Marvin Davis to take pride in their heritage by attending a BSU meeting.

**Second Right:** BSU member Lonnie Anderson stresses the importance of Black History Week to the audience.







**Left:** Miguel Hernandez dances to one of the traditional Mexican dances.

**Below, BSU, front row:** Pat Cluci, Samantha Lee, Andrea Love, Chantay Grays, Monique Lee, Joyce McClain, Sabrina Oliney, Shawyne Clark, Abigail Williams, Lee Jarvis. **second row:** Bishop Walton, Ramona Mackri, Ann Grays, Kim Kelly, Crystal Crowley, Vera Thomas, Carole Guyton, Jacy Lee, Karla Hill, Denise Ingram. **third row:** Diane Polk, Minnie King, Morey Bland, Charlita Crane, Mona Simmons, Dino Quinn, Ronald Smith, Brennita

Norris, Carla Jarvis, Trenna Ingram. **fourth row:** Ron Dixon, Anthony Lee, Gwen Elder, Tommy Warren, Camilla Tillman, Sam Cousins, Melinda Lee, Keith Waters, Sergio Harrison, Harrison Lee, Anthony Matthews, Lonnie Anderson.

**Lower Center:** BSU members join the Second Baptist Church Choir to sing a number of pieces for the annual assembly.

**Lower Right:** Guest soloist Mel Williams performs one of four pieces at the BSU Assembly.



**Left:** At the MASA-sponsored Halloween Dance, Luz Contreras and Jerry Dias keep to the beat of the music amid the crowd.

**Above, MASA, front row:** Isaac Brambilla, Jose Gomez, Julio Cerna, Prum Vath, Enrique Moreno, Carlos Pineda, Armando Espinoza, Juan Esparza, Luis Ruelas, Hector Villapudua. **second row:** Yolanda Hernandez, Sylvia Hernandez, Hermelinda Aguayo, Olga

Alberto, Alma Astorga, Yolanda Alberto, Yolanda Vera, Cecilia Peral, Irma Martinez, Yolanda Madrigal, Rosa Quintero. **third row:** Miriam Alvarez, Victoria Quintana, Maria Alberto, Alma Figueroa, Rosalva Flores, Cynthia Arreola, Luz Contreras, Lydia Alberto, Gloria Esparza, Eva Salazar, Celia Garcia, Beatriz Velasquez. **fourth row:** Luis Hurtado, Irma Magana, Teresa Ramirez, Alma Gonzalez, Ofelia



Aguilar, Maria Dominguez, Carmen Ramirez, Anna Arrizon, Margarita Hurtado, Michael Hernandez, Luis Madrigal, Dennis Brophy, Armando Hernandez. **back row:** Pedro Dominguez, Eddie Jimenez, Humberto Lopez, Daniel Vera, Hector Vera, Jaime Magana, Arthur Martinez, Jaime Jimenez, Artemio Quintana, Ignacio Bravo, Jose Madrigal, Hector Rubio, advisor Pat Durr.



*Because of the continued tradition of pride in our school that was started 100 years ago and continues today, it is a great honor to be a part of the Centennial Celebration.*  
—Kris Domitrovich



# Science Club travels; Chess Club beats Davis

by Connie Dias

**I** found that this year the quality of students was better," stated Arlan Holen in explaining the apparent upswing in enrollment in science courses.

Realizing that future jobs are advancing more into the technical world many students at Modesto took the initiative in taking one or more science courses. They enrolled in classes such as life science, biology, chemistry, health, advanced biology (which is offered only every other year), and physics. Although students were interested in physics, the class was offered as independent study, being the only science course lacking enrollment.

The department's budget for the last three years has been severely reduced, making it hard to buy new equipment when needed. Unfortunately, although new textbooks were needed to replace the old ones, the funding was hard to come by.

The Science Club, with advisor Odell Scott, decided to take their second trip to The Exploratorium in San Francisco. In order to help pay for transportation the club used

candy sales and student contribution funds; annual dues for participation in the club were \$1.00. Officers were president Mickey Nugent, vice president Patricia Trujillo, secretary Martina Vasquez, and treasurer Arthur Martinez.

Although most students don't know it, there has been a Chess Club at MHS for the past ten years. Because of the \$30.00 activity fee the club did not have any official matches, playing only against other city schools. The club's first match was against Davis which they won 5½ to 4½. "We were really surprised when we beat Davis because they practice regularly. We only practice during lunch and sometimes break," stated Manuel Gonsalves, advisor of the club. A season of chess normally involves playing ten different teams.

Since not all schools have chess teams, only those with interested students participated. At the Davis match, seven MHS students showed up but fifteen have shown interest in the club. Next year Mr. Gonsalves hopes the activity fee is gone so we can once again have an official chess team.



Above: Mr. Arlan Holen goes over a chemistry experiment while students Laura Wheeler, Connie Dias, Martin McCarthy, Gabriel Pacheco, Geri Peek, Mike Toso, Scott McKenzie, Danita Swinburg, Tommy Warren, Orlando Madrid

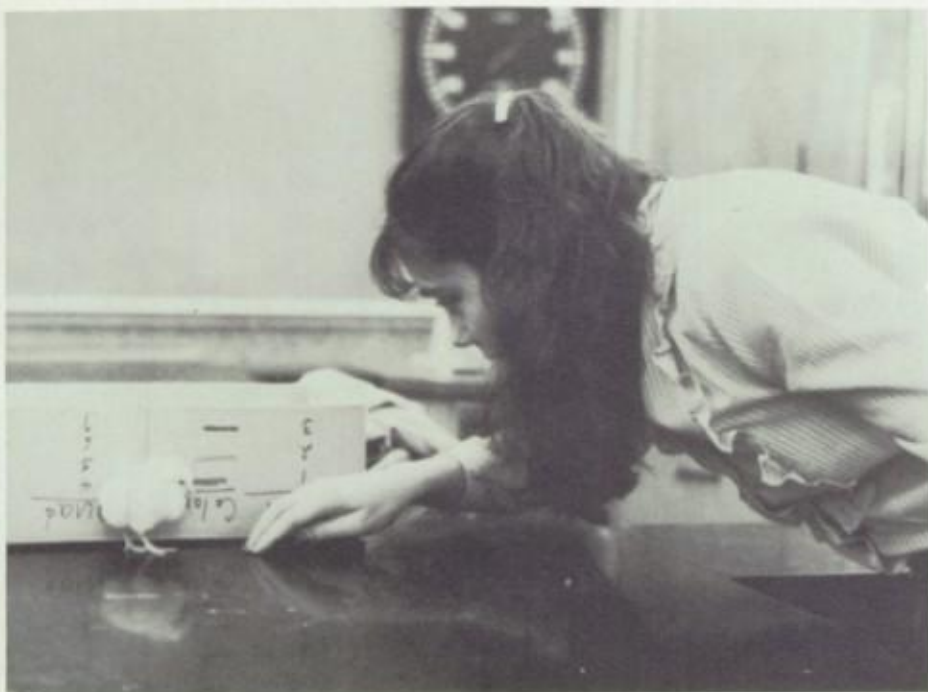
and Loree Oaks listen closely.

Upper Right: Intent on her work, Marilyn Wolf prepares a slide for cell investigation.

Right: Sophomore Patrick Genio explains the proper use of equipment to senior Chris Aldana.







Left: Training her chick to follow her, Diane Ranuio watches it closely.

Center Left: David Lopez makes a move while Troy Mitchell plans his strategy in the match against Davis.



Above, Science Club, front row: Tammy Rancour, Christine Beatty, Holly Beatty, Angel Raya, Carolyn West, Patrick Genio, Jovita Madrigal, Silvia Chavez, Sandi Grover, Sean Wani, Dalinda Angelo. second row: Advisor Odell Scott, Vickie Johnston, Kathi Dixon, Diane Ranuio, Debbie Bowling, Rhonda Albright, Susie Beckwith, Lauri Medeiros, Doreen Jenkins, Marilyn Wolf, Kim Haarberg. third row: Advisor Arlan Holen, Erin Wray, John Klink, John Hallford, Phil Cearley, Jason Kanar, Marcos Madrid, Marlaine Magnus, Joanne Potts, Patrick Trujillo. back row: Gregg Reim, Chris Aldana, Frank Coleman, Sean Valenzuela, David Snyder, Darin Gharat, Arthur Martinez, David Absher, Dennis Wend, Bruno Spani, Joe Mendonza.



Left: During an important match, Troy Mitchell contemplates his next move. Second Left: Christina Alcala carefully examines her test tube for a chemical reaction. Above Left: Looking over her notes, junior Kashmir Gill prepares for a chemistry test.

Above, Chess Club, front row: Chris Walter, John Bringas, Robert Goodlow. back row: Keith Cunha, Troy Mitchell, Shawn Hunstable, Brian Nelson, Advisor Manuel Gonsalves.



Below: Trying to get through an open-book test in general math are Louie Garcia, Terri Speaks, Sharon Machado, Steve Kittle, Eddie Hernandez and Tami Nevitt.



Right: Mike Toso, Angie Gonzalez and Gilbert Sianez struggle to get their work done so they won't have any homework.



Right: Advanced algebra students including Marcos Madrid, Kashmir Gill, Dixie Weststeyn, Roger Wright, Rhonda Boone and Lisa Andrews, work hard to get a good score on a unit test.

Below: Pam McClure diligently works on her Analysis problems, rushing to finish before the bell rings.



Right, Math Club, front row: Doreen Jenkins, Dixie Weststeyn, Holly Beatty, Chris Beatty, Advisor Ila Westfall. second row: Sean Wani, Julie Westwood, Kashmir Gill, Sarah Gonzales, Patricia Vera, Rhonda Albright. back row: Ron Lopes, Marilyn Wolf, Arthur Martinez, Ofelia Trujillo, Martina Vasquez, Denise Presley.

Second Right: Wendy Beauvais looks up wonderingly while trying to work out a new problem.





# Math gains new chairman, new teacher; Club begins new scholarship program

by Dalinda Angelo

**A**dding and subtracting math problems is a fun challenge for some students, even though others consider these mind bogglers a useless hassle. For those who found problem solving easy and enjoyed a competition, an area wide math Superbowl was again offered at Stanislaus State in May. Thirteen eager

students from MHS attended the annual event.

Modesto High welcomed Ron Smith, a new math teacher from the Santa Barbara area. This marked the first year that Smith has taught at a senior high school, after ten years at the junior high level. Although enrollment increased greatly in the algebra and geometry

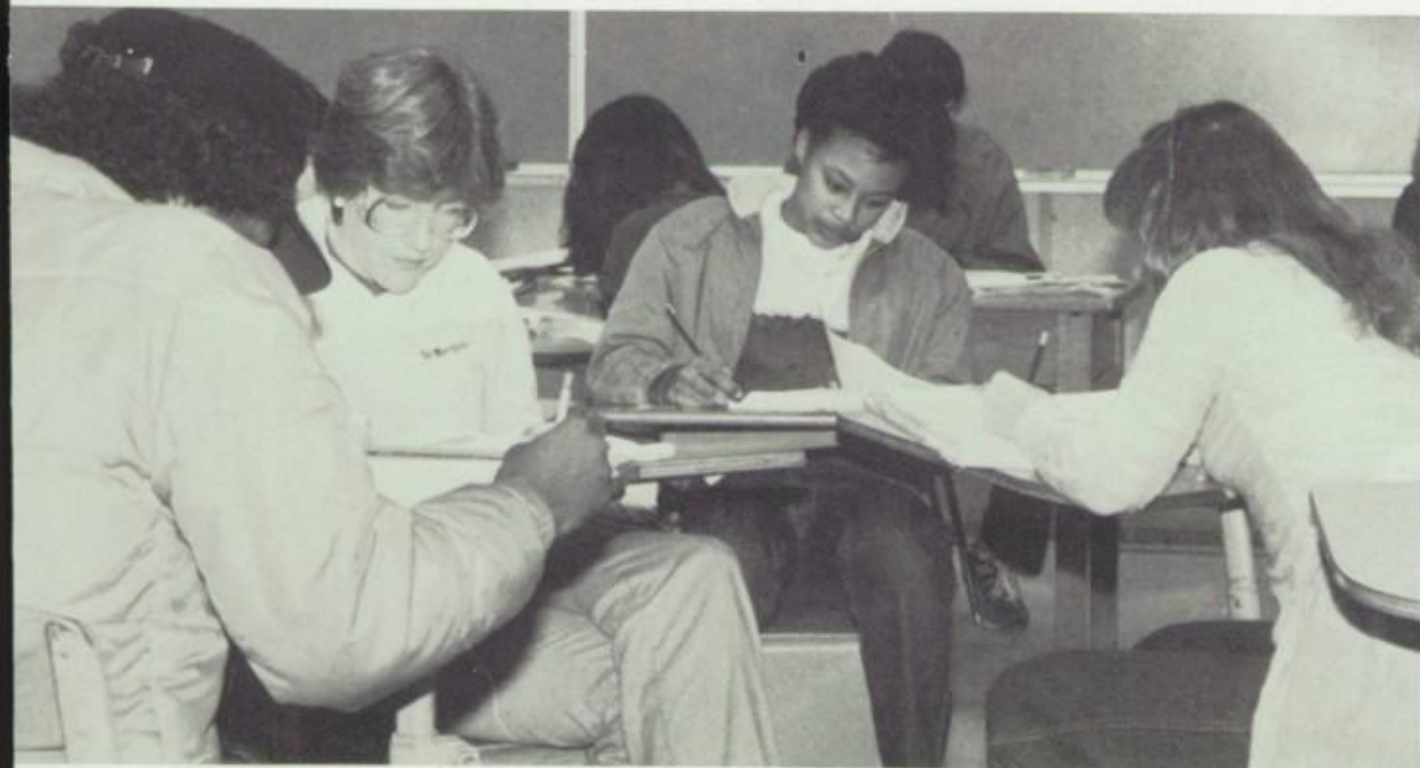
classes, the unfortunate result was that there were not enough textbooks. Thanks to the loan of some extra books from Davis High, the problem was solved.

Stepping in to replace retired Math Department Chairman and Math Club Advisor Marge Stuhlman was Mrs. Ila Westfall. Obser-

ving that her new position is often considered a thankless job, Mrs. Westfall remarked, "I like it very much; we had a few difficulties but I'm confident that next year will be a breeze!"

Students involved in the Math Club received help in preparing themselves for the annual Math Superbowl and the MAA tests, which determines who will receive mathematics Scholarships. In addition, students who were interested in math, but not in competing, were also welcome in the Math Club.

Wanting to recognize excellent math students, the Math Club did something a little extra. Under the leadership of president Sean Wani, vice president Julie Westwood, secretary Marilyn Wolf, and treasurer Doreen Jenkins, they worked hard on fund raising to establish a scholarship for an outstanding math student planning to attend Modesto Junior College.



**Left:** With help from teacher Ken Tisdell, Gene Allemandi goes through the steps to solving a problem.

**Second Left:** Working hard to get the last problem done, Lisa Smith, Lloyd Shaw and Donna Rowland hurry to complete their homework.

**Upper Left:** Karen Smith, Mona Simmons and Tracy Weiford unite their efforts in hopes of finishing their geometry problems.



*I am proud to be a Panther because the teachers here really want to help the students and take time out of their own personal lives. —Scott McKenzie*



Below: In Maridale Smith's first year German class April Howell, Charles Clem, Beth Moore, Kathy Foust, Christine Dahnice, Tom Price and Becky Bartoo listen attentively.

Right: While German students Bob Dollar, Joanne Potts, Margie Carrier, Philip Shuman, Tracy Weiford and Val Butler finish some last minute homework, Maridale Smith tells them to get ready for a quiz on Albert Schweitzer.



Above: While Mrs. Judy Remmers gives the directions, Yolanda Vera, Brian Mitchell, Steve Cousins, Mario Gonzales and Iqbal Gill prepare for a surprise quiz.

Upper Left: AFS member Cathy Dixon prepares her meal at the Foreign Language Dinner in December.

Upper Right: Second year French students Olga Alberto, Angie Wheeler, Yolanda Alberto, Wendy Beauvais, Nanette Horney and Karen Smith find listening to French rock and roll music very amusing.

Right: French student Wendy Beauvais cuts out pictures for her collage assignment.

Second Right: Tracy Habel, Huong Nguyen, Aurora Navarro, Deanna Rodriguez, Carolina Ramirez, Monica Munoz and Donna Shaw pay close attention in a first year Spanish class.

Lower Right: While Mrs. Maridale Smith hastily draws a picture, Belgian exchange student Christine Dhanis anxiously waits to see what it represents in the charades game at the December party.





# Foreign Languages provide basic-to-advanced courses

by Stephanie Frazier

**W**ith the exception of the native American Indian, the United States is composed completely of immigrants. Millions of different people, with varied ethnic backgrounds, unite to make this country so diversely interesting and unique.

The new State Superintendent of Education announced plans to put a greater emphasis on academic requirements. Eventually, this will mean more stringent classes in foreign language. For now, the courses at MHS are much the same as they have been for the past several years. For those students who wish to increase their knowledge of foreign cultures while preparing to meet college and university requirements, MHS offers three different courses: French, German, and Spanish. Of these, Spanish has traditionally been the most popular, with French second.

Four years of study are available in all three languages, although second and third year students are often taught during the same

period. Students sometimes find such situations unsatisfactory, but nevertheless challenging. These "doubled-up" classes are necessary because very few go on into the advanced classes compared with first-year enrollment.

Clubs with a special interest in each of these languages are also offered to go along with the courses at MHS. The Spanish Club began during the 1982 school year. The purpose of the club is for students to enrich their academic experiences in Spanish. They raise money which enables them to take field trips to different places of interest. By organizing their own activities and fundraisers, Spanish Club students learn a little more about money management, responsibility, and most important, togetherness, as well as the rich cultural heritage connected to the Spanish language. With advisor David Rancano to supervise, the club was led by president Vickie Johnson, vice president Dana Sergis, secretary Lora Wheeler, and treasurer Pauline Meza.



Top: French teacher Judy Remmers uses "body language" to get the attention of students Paul Gibson and Martina Vasquez.

Above: First year French students Hugo Vera and Patrick Ketchum

listen carefully to an explanation of French customs.

Above Right, Spanish Club, front row: Melissa Soares, Jana Rhine, Sherry Brownlee, Christine Beatty, Florence Lugo. second

row: Rosemary Solorio, Mary Yandell, Rhonda Boone, Manbin Khaira, Joyce McClain, Holly Beatty. third row: Advisor David Rancano, Kim Kelly, Vickie Johnston, Laura Wheeler, Rhonda

Bowling, Jacy Lee. back row: Frank Coleman, Dana Sergis, Denise Presley, Rachle Cole, Pauline Anaya, Sharyl Mendonza.



One hundred years of heritage is what Modesto High School means to me. It's great to be a part of its celebration.  
—Michele Haley



# Cultural knowledge increased

by Debbie Bowling

Foreign language clubs at MHS have played an essential part of student involvement during the past several years. These clubs are intertwined with classes available to students seeking to advance their knowledge of cultures of other countries. The advanced students, which are relatively few, often get unexpected rewards. For example, in advanced French the students cook a French meal during finals.

One of the more active organizations, the French Club was led by advisor Judy Remmers and president Patrician Trujillo, vice president Martina Vasquez, secretary Celina Hernandez, treasurer Roger Wani, and class rep Donna Shaw. The club sponsored events including the sale of Spook-O-Grams, candy sales, and concessions at football and basketball games. In the spring, members took field trips to San Francisco and Marriott's Great America.

Sponsored by Mrs. Maridale Smith, the German Club worked with president Jeremy Shuman, vice president Tracy Weiford, and secretary-treasurer Bobby Dollar to raise money by working concessions at basketball games along with the French Club.

Each club is designed to

keep the student body interested in foreign language, and socially to draw students together with the common interest of helping others. Both French and German Clubs continued to seek new ways to raise money for their occasional events and trips throughout the school year.

At Christmas time, students from the foreign language clubs gathered for a banquet to sample the wide variety of foods which they each offered. The gathering was a learning experience for all who attended. From the time they entered the door until it was time to leave, members and their guests en-

joyed a variety of games as well as the food.

During the spring the French and German Clubs, as well as the Spanish Club, took a trip to the Monterey Institute of Foreign Language. They were hosted and given a tour by students at the Institute, where they observed demonstrations of language, learning and transcribing.

One foreign language student stated, "I really like being involved in the club because it helps me to learn more about the social lives and cultures of people from abroad, whereas I mainly learn the language in class."



**Center Left:** At the Foreign Language Dinner, Belgian exchange student Christine Dhanis enjoys a unique cultural experience: swatting a pinata.

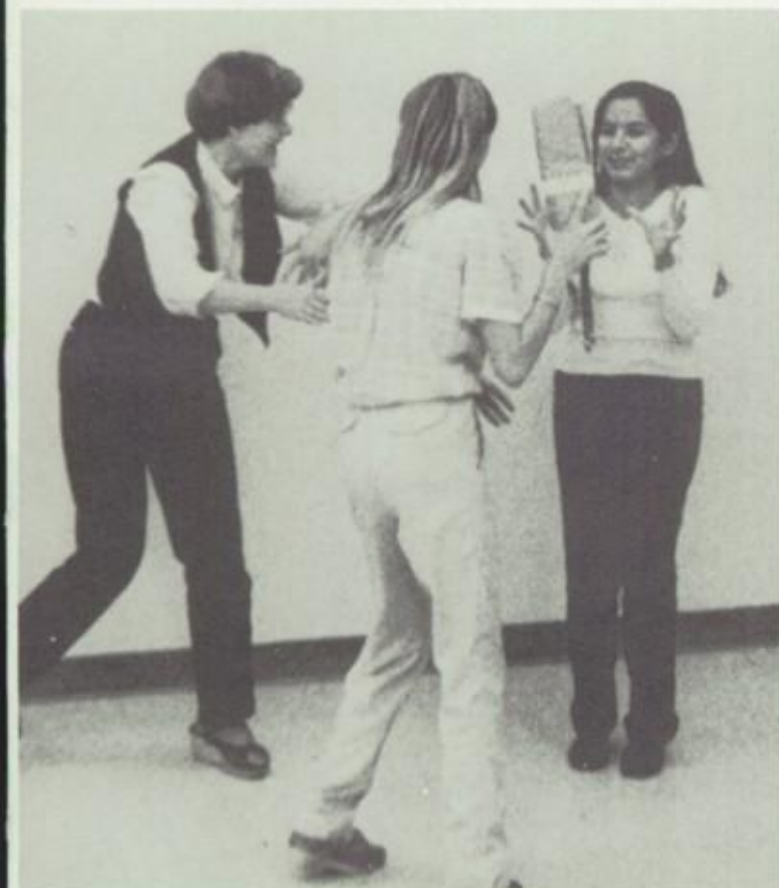
**Center Right:** While Bob Dollar and Joanne Potts work on their assignments, Mrs. Maridale Smith repeats the instructions to a questioning Val Butler.

**Second Right:** During an open book test in French, Beatrice Velasquez glances around for a little help.

**Right:** Marlaine Magnus and Nanett Horney compare answers to a French study sheet while Monica Contreras retrieves her paper from the floor.





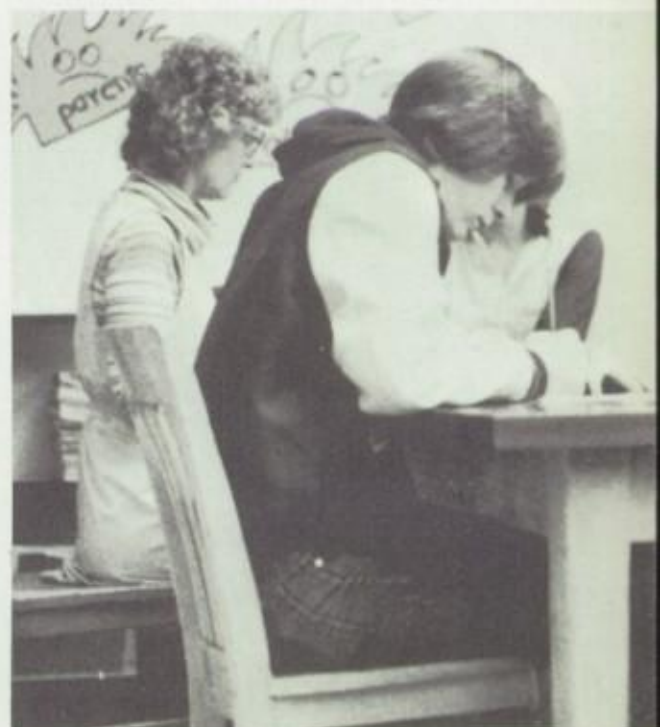
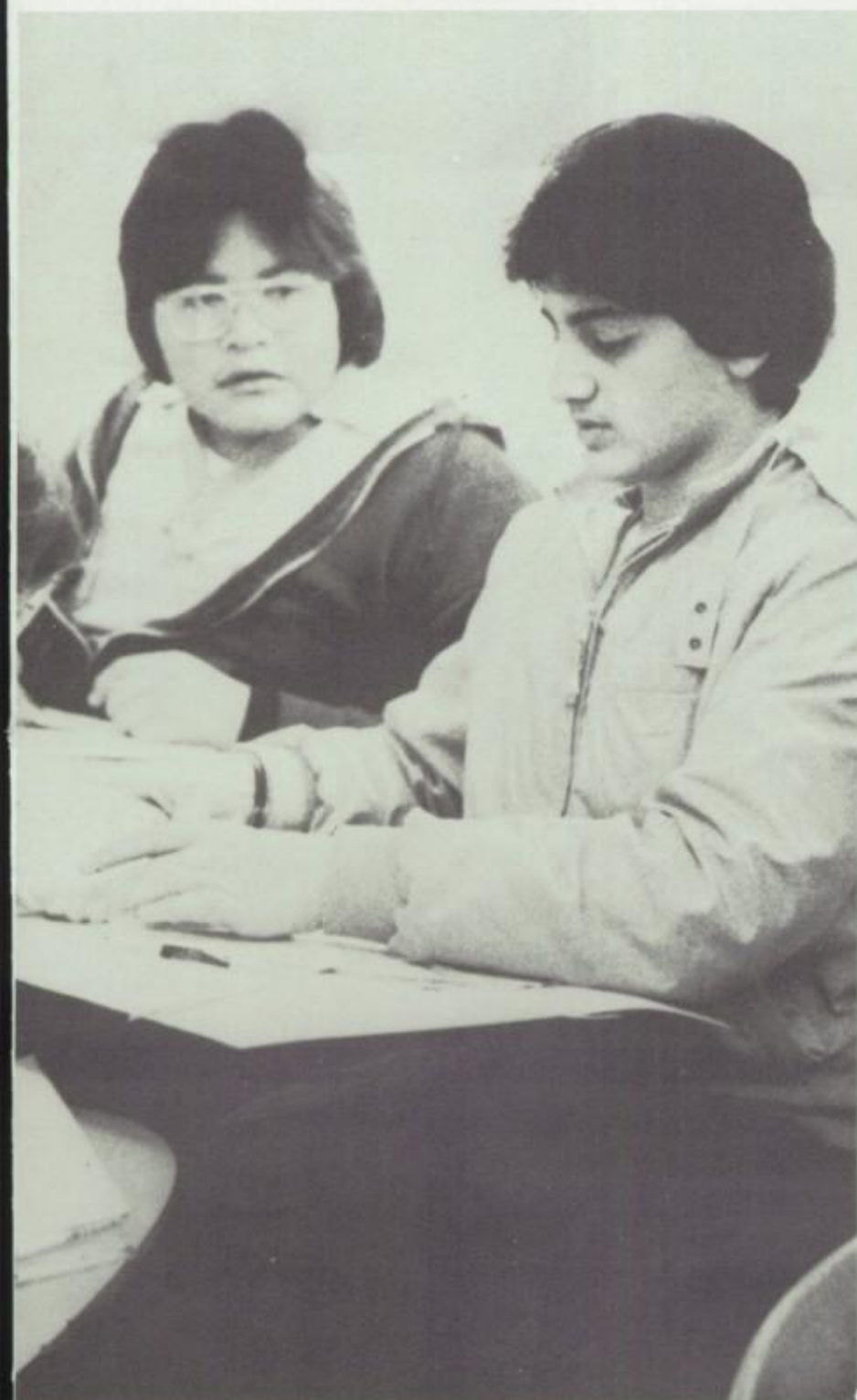


**Second Left:** German teacher Maridale Smith explains the meaning of a difficult sentence.

**Left:** With Mrs. Judy Remmers giving her hints, Celina Hernandez tries to think of someone else's name before being swatted by Kathy Dixon at the Foreign Language Dinner.

**Below, French Club, front row:** Rosalva Flores, Lucia Sianez, Donna Shaw, Jessie Lemos, Olga Alberto, Steve Cousins, Maria Alberto, Cecilia Peral, Yolanda Vera, Yolanda Alberto. **second**

**row:** Cindy Vermeulen, Roger Wani, Iqbal Gill, Alma Gonzalez, Wendy Beauvais, Marlain Magnus, Patricia Trujillo, Hugo Vera, Beatriz Velasquez, Patrick Ketchum. **third row:** Lucas Alberto, Wayne Elam, Rhonda Tate, Ofelia Trujillo, Karin Smith, Dianne McHale, Sabrina Farris, Nannette Horney, Eddie Jimenez, Advisor Judy Remmers. **back row:** Ana Arrizon, James McHugh, John Klink, Phil Cearley, Jesus Mendoza, Renato Balenovich, Melinda Lee, Martina Vasquez, Angie Wheeler, Karla Hill.



**Left:** Second year German students Holly Beatty, Tracy Weiford and Phil Shuman contemplate the questions on their surprise quiz.

**Upper Center:** While Mrs. Maridale Smith checks her papers, Bob Dollar hurries to complete an in-class assignment.

**Upper right:** Mrs. Judy Remmers and Ruben Medina listen as Mike Kiryakoz conjugates a verb.

**Above, German Club, front**

**row:** Christine Beatty, Holly Beatty, Tom Pierce, Maxi Magana, Joanne Potts. **second row:** Beth Moore, Christine Dhanis, Kathy Foust, Tracy Weiford, Jeff Brackett. **third row:** Charles Clem, Kathi Dixon, Albert Cardoso, Luis Madrigal, Jason Kanar, Juanita Garza. **back row:** Phil Shuman, Adam Smith, Bo Annvik, Darin Gharat, Jeremy Shuman, Advisor Frau Schmidt (Mrs. Smith).



I am proud to be a Panther because MHS Panthers have a lot of spirit and are very loyal. Geri Peek



# Business courses 'helpful to everyone;' cotton candy sales aid FBLA fundraisers

by Susie Beckwith

**T**he business classes play a major part in preparing students who are interested in future occupations in the business field. There are various business machines at MHS to give students the experience and skills they need. Such machines include the IBM display center, which was newly installed in 1981, along with the off-set press, fluid duplicator and the IBM magcard. These are all utilized in the word processing classes. There is even a row of computer terminals for students interested in learning how to operate the latest in office equipment.

The main purpose of the word processing class is to teach students special skills that will help them through college and better qualify them for a job. Whether taking typing, shorthand or bookkeeping, or getting the most modern office experience, students have always relied on high quality business courses at MHS. Yet, according to department chairman Aileen Campbell, "Some of the courses in the Business Department would be helpful to everyone." She

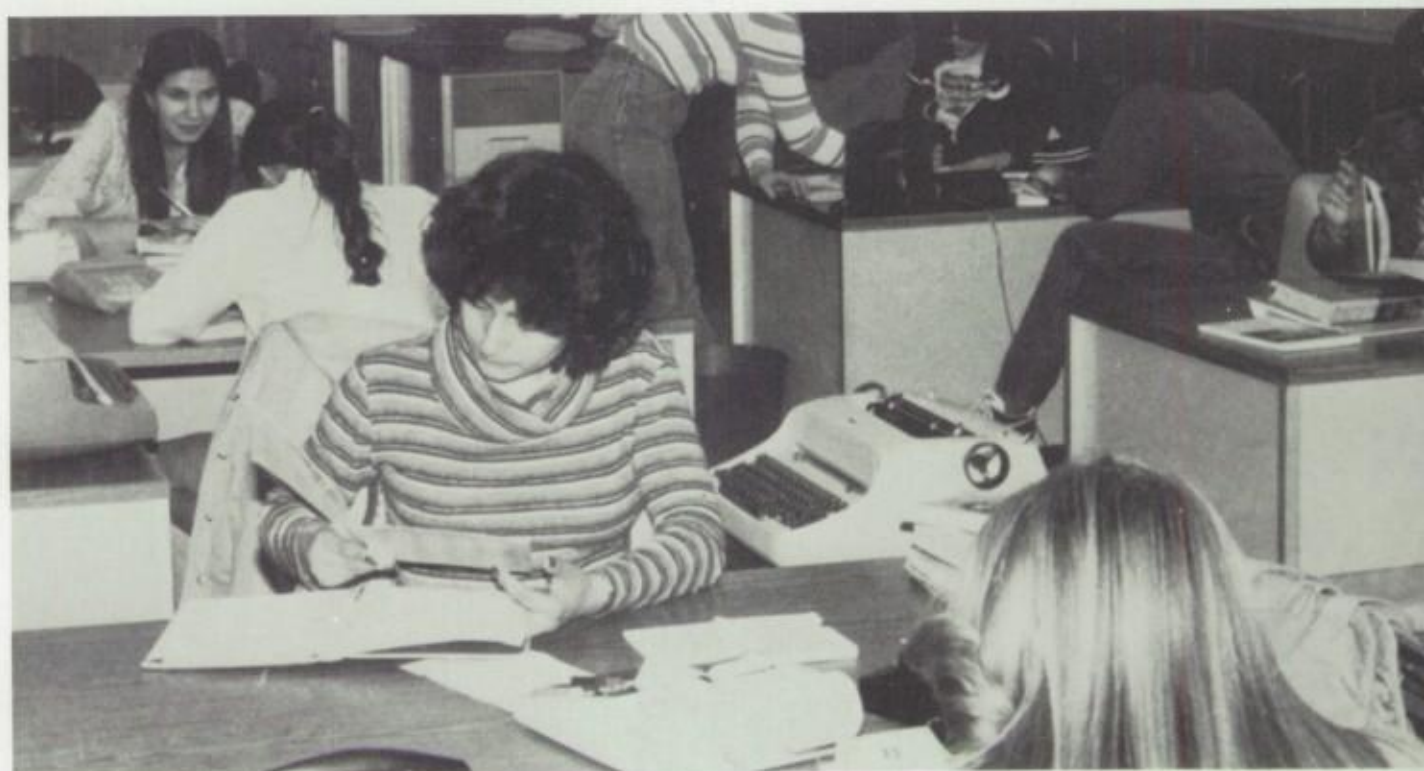
mentioned specifically the consumer awareness and business English classes, which provide students with practical explanations and practice for life's everyday problems.

Formally known as the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), the business club at MHS doesn't have much to do with business

itself. Primarily a social organization of business-oriented students, the FBLA aimed to provide its members with an opportunity to take a field trip in the spring. As usual, the members voted to visit Mariott's or Santa Cruz. With this objective in mind, club members worked diligently on fund-raising activities. Using their own cotton

candy machine, members of the club volunteered their Friday nights to manning a booth and selling the popular candy at all home football games, bringing in a good profit.

Advised by Marilee Abercrombie, officers for the club were president Paula Peeper, vice-president Lisa Dickson, and treasurer Erin Wray.



**Upper Right:** While Alma Gonzalez discusses her work with Kashmir Gill, Alma Figueroa looks over her Model Office assignment. **Right:** Finding an adding machine a useful instrument, Celina Hernandez quickly tabulates a long list of sums in her bookkeeping class. **Second Right:** Senior Jane Corrales runs another job on the off-set press in Reprographics class.





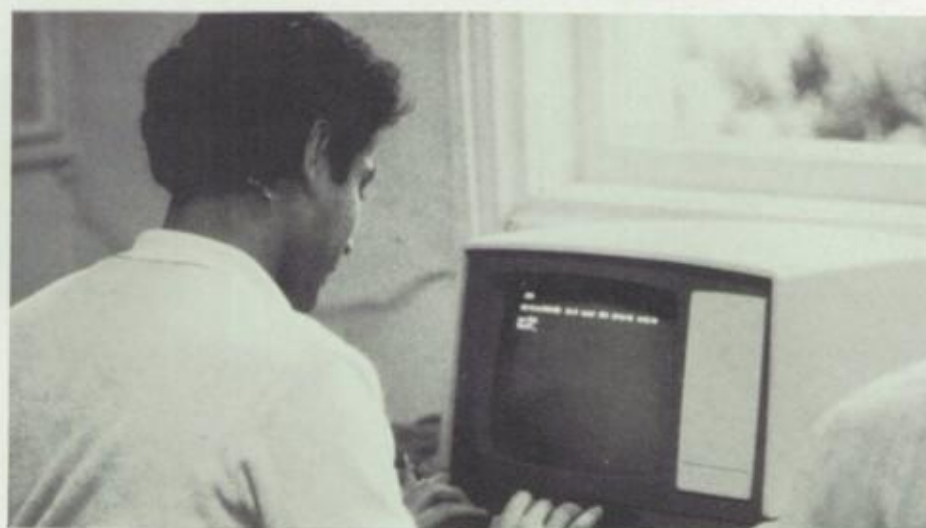
Left: After finishing an assignment, Tina Miles proof-reads her copy on the IBM Word Processor

Below, FBLA, front row: Rhonda Boone, Sandi Grover, Shawyne Clark, Lisa Dickson, Gina Vander-



Left: While Marie Smith and Carla Stalcup apply "elbow grease" to correct their errors, Shellie Burrow continues with her typing.

Below: Debbie Charron patiently awaits the final bell after finishing her Model Office work.



Left: Ricky Trevino eagerly works on his assignment during his Data Processing class.

Second Left: Senior Cindy Harrison uses her typing skills to complete a job in her business class.



Right, Jr.-Sr. FFA, front row: Brian Oreglia, Jim Boer, Vince Furtado, Dave Verissimo, Juliet Costa, Beth Moore, Martin McCarthy. second row: Stephanie Mattox, Ivan Wyeth, Victor Curci, Chris Mihelis, Bernadette Coito, Roger Wright. third row: Mike Goncalves, Tony Louis, Guy Caldwell, Don Heiny, Chuck

Meyer, Val Butler, Jerry Miller. back row: Joe Mendonza, Bruno Spani, Joe Henriques, David Absher, Steve Rosenow, Leon Verburb, Bryan Brooks, Richard Dedrick.

Lower Right: While John Sprinkle, John Van Oostende and David Absher look on, Jerry Dias bucks a bale of hay during FFA Week.



Above, Frosh-Soph FFA, front row: Ken Berry, Scott Wright, Gina Brooks, Jennifer Azevedo, Karen Whitaker, Melissa Soares, Matt Denlinger, Michelle Foust, Mark Oreglia, Bill Sciarini. second row: Donny Coonce, Danny Meyer, Shannon Pearson, Michelle Ehrler, Kathy Verissimo, Trevor Taylor, Jeff Shafer, Pete Mihelis, Richard Freitas.

third row: John Strang, Terry Christensen, Sharyl Mendonza, Ludy Veldhuizen, Catherine Mihelis, Bobby Holloway, John Sprinkle, Shane Hodge, Chad Basore. fourth row: Roy Mims, Garland Teaney, Diana Wyeth, Mike Rosa, James McMurtry, Randy Romey, Charles Light, Matthew Gisler, Jeff Hardenbrook, Richard Moreno.

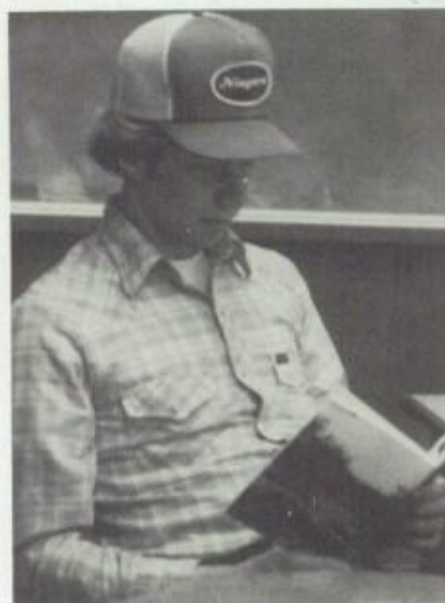


Above: Mike Goncalves, Trent Bellew and Bernadette Coito listen to the assignment in Mr. Loren Nyman's ag class.

Upper Center: Guy Caldwell reads his farmers' manual during class.

Right: During ag welding class Jeff Creighton gives a helping hand to David Schrum.

Second Right: Freshman Chad Basore ponders the answer to a question on his test.



It means a great deal to be in a school that has 100 years of tradition to fall back on. During the years that I have been here, I have seen the students, faculty, and administration continue to build on that tradition in order to keep MHS number one!  
—H.L. Clark





# Ag students linked to solid program, strong Future Farmers organization

by Sheryl Hardenbrook

**L**earning to do;  
Doing to learn;  
Learning to live;  
Living to serve."

These words were memorized and used faithfully as the motto of the Future Farmers of America. Although the main purpose of this

organization is agriculture, the club was involved in many other functions during the year. The big fundraiser was the annual Pancake Breakfast held on March 27 at Hart Ransom School. FFA Week was promoted during the week of February 21 - 25, and volunteers helped as ticket-takers and ushers at

the "Panthers on Parade" Centennial Show on March 11 and 12.

Many activities outside of school kept FFA members busy. Those with animals spent endless hours grooming and exercising their "projects," getting them ready for shows. Those in Ag Mechanics class worked hard

to construct trailers or other machinery used in farm work.

The FFA Program is offered in conjunction with a full range of agriculture classes during the school day. Classes such as farm management, plant and soil science, and animal husbandry, all taught by Agriculture instructors Loren Nyman and Russel Cosgrave, were available to students who intended to make careers in agriculture as well as those who just wanted to know a little about farming. In addition, the Ag Department also offered ROP Welding, a highly popular course, during sixth and seventh periods.

Early in the year freshmen went through Greenhand Initiation, a meeting that introduced them to the FFA Program, speech tournaments, shows, and livestock auctions. Under the advisorship of Loren Nyman, FFA was led by president Vince Furtado, vice president Leon Verburg, secretary Jim Boer, reporter Val Butler, treasurer Ivan Wyeth, and sentinel Stephanie Mattox. All officers agreed that "FFA is a good activity for young future farmers to get involved with."



**Left:** Jamie Hiler works to finish his welding project.

**Second Left:** In sixth period ag class, David Wilson concentrates on his quarter test.

**Upper Left:** Working to make the best time, Bruno Spani hustles a bale in the Hay Bucking Contest during FFA Week.



Right: Rodell Meeks, Ron Mattox, Joe Bettencourt, John Holley and Jeff Creighton watch Jim Thomas demonstrate proper dismantling techniques.

# Industrial Education provides students with highly marketable skills; VICA encourages competitive excellence

by Loree Oaks

**I**ndustrial education classes provide students with opportunities to experience the wide varieties of hobbies and jobs available in an industrial career. Many students chose to include classes such as graphic arts, electronics, woodshop, auto shop, metal, and drafting in their busy schedules. These classes offered an opportunity for students to use their creativity freely in all projects.

Woodshop was the most popular of the shop classes offered. Here students could be seen sawing, sanding, and gluing whatever project they were working on at the time. The finished products usually were items such as mirrors, shelves, tables, cabinets and, for the more ambitious students, dresser drawers.

In the metal and auto mechanics courses students often worked on their own personal projects, usually a car or other machine. Drafting was a class that students found enjoyable because they could design plans for everything from basic structures to houses of the future. In the graphic arts classes students learned many different printing techniques. They designed everything from Christmas and birthday cards to learning the fundamentals of silk-screening T-shirts. The electronics courses taught students vital knowledge of electrical engineering, while one of the newest classes, computertronics, dealt with basic application of computer skills.

Under the supervision of Mr. Willard Ripley, the local chapter of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America

(VICA) enabled students with similar vocational interests to share their ideas. They traveled to various crafts fairs to display their work, and some competed in a variety of industrial contests. Often, the winners of the local, state, and national levels end up with a well-paying job right out of high

school.

The Industrial Education Department did a good job of aiding students in making decisions and preparing for careers in the fields offered. Each year brings further advancement of industrial skills and the ability to better understand the fundamentals of each trade.



Above: Joel Martinez happily works on another project in Architectural Drafting.

Right: Graphic arts student Bobby Dalton gets into the rhythm of printing some business cards with the platen press.

Second Right: Doug Bixler changes the drill bit to a larger size while Leonard Donaldson watches the procedure for safety.



I feel it is a great honor to go to Modesto High during such a rare celebration as a 100th birthday!

—Richard Freitas

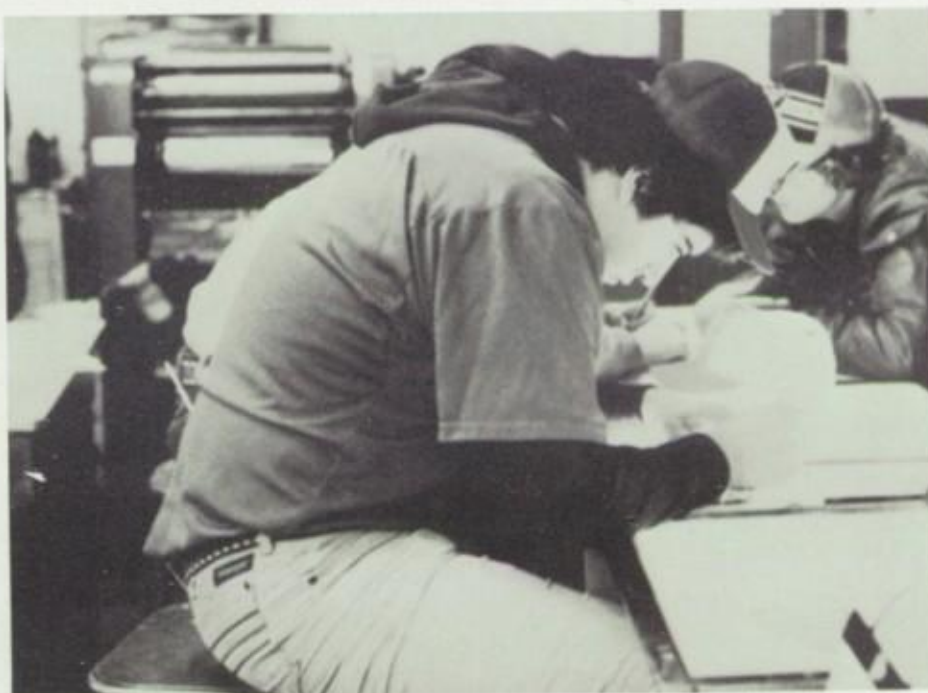
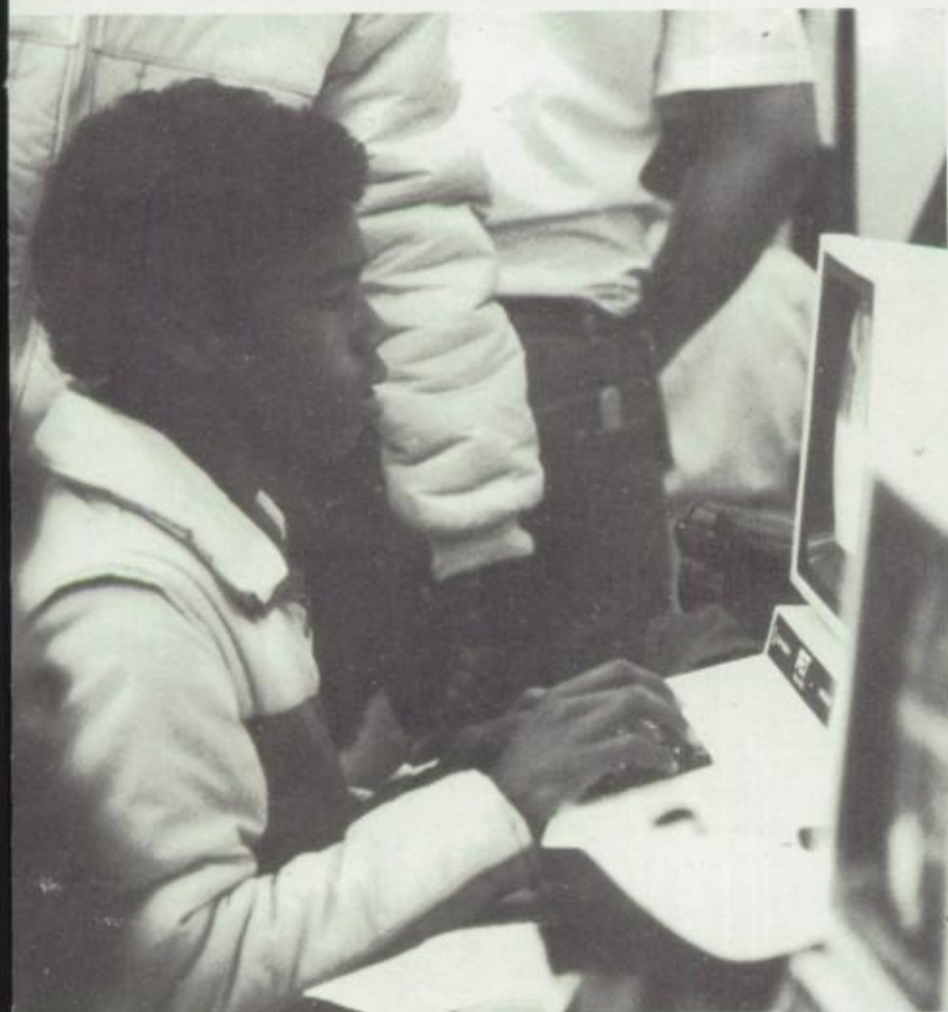






Below, VICA, front row: Joe Allan, Ron Mattox, Gary Godbey, Beno Villarreal, Jesus Ascencio, Paul Wright, Steve Bond, David Van Andel. second row: Advisor

Willard Ripley, Alan Rushing, Dan Mattox, Jeff Creighton, Gloria Esparza, Jose Rivera. back row: Mark Parker, Bobby Norton, Kyle Melson, David Shrum, Frank Madalena.



Left: During auto class, Victor Curci, aided by Troy Goldman and Gary Godbey, works on the construction of his trailer.  
Center Left: Marvin Davis learns the basics during his turn on one of the computers in Computertronics.  
Center Right: Using a light table in order to see his work more clearly, Joe Gutierrez concentrates on his graphic arts assignment.

Above Right: Morey Bland carefully positions the clamps on his project so that it will be straight when it dries.  
Above Left: Jose Moran spreads ink on the rollers of the off-set printing press.



Below: Sewing teacher Judy Remmers offers Tina Searl some advice on how to assemble the coat she is making in clothing 4.



Right: Linda Ollis cuts off a piece of excess thread before removing her project from the sewing machine.



Right: Junior Monica Garcia listens to sewing teacher Diana Holtz's explanations on how to pin together a skirt.

Below, 'S' Club, front row: Tammy Rancour, Christine Beatty, Holly Beatty, Shirley Grogan, Julie Westwood, Rhonda Albright. second row: Lori Thomas, Rhonda Boone, Mary Yandell, Marlaine Magnus, Debbie Bowling. back row: Anna Arrizon, Tammy Noffsinger, Danita Swinburg, Rachel Cole, Juanita Garza, Advisor Diana Holtz.



Right: Jolene Howser puts the finishing touches on a double-thickness waistband to be attached to a skirt.

Second Right: Caroline Shaw ladles out her batter for pancakes during cooking class.





# 'S' Club rates high marks for service projects Home Ec maintains broad variety of courses

by Sheryl Hardenbrook

Showing concern for others is the primary function of the 'S' Club, from selling buttons and confetti at home football games to putting up the traditional Christmas tree which is displayed each year in the main hall.

Members of the 'S' Club spend most of their time

helping other people. Every year they sponsor a "Teacher Appreciation Day," in which they try to please not only their favorite teachers but every member of the staff by putting cookies in their school mail boxes and sending them birthday and Christmas cards.

Among their many community service projects were such activities as raising

money to give parties for elementary school students during the holiday season. They also visited to convalescent homes where they helped to make the people feel comfortable and to bring joy to their surroundings.

The 'S' Club also raised money for their yearly trip to the Asilomar, which is a conference for girls to learn how to do different handicrafts

and to help people with their needs. Leading the 'S' Club in fund raising activities were president Lori Thompson, vice president Julie Westwood, secretary Rhonda Boone, and treasurer Shirley Grogan, all under the quietly efficient supervision of Mrs. Diana Holtz.

Led by co-chairmen Mrs. Pat Decker and Mrs. Diana Holtz, the Home Economics Department offered many different kinds of courses to help students with their everyday lives from domestic duties such as sewing and cooking to consumer awareness and survival foods. Human development, home furnishings, and child development were also courses available to Modesto High students.

The "bare-bones budget" suffered by the entire school has affected Home Ec as seriously as many others, since there is never enough funding to be able to get all the supplies which are really needed. Students were forced to provide more of their own materials, and the more costly foods and other items were discontinued or prepared less frequently. Nonetheless, many students found in these courses an opportunity to acquire home-oriented skills that for would be valuable throughout life.



**Left:** Taking the necessary precautions, Ramona Mackri removes her freshly baked casserole from the oven.

**Second Left:** Putting herself into her assignment, Maria Fernandez prepares the dough for her baking project.

**Upper Left:** 'S' Club member Shirley Grogan puts the finishing touches on the traditional main hall Christmas tree, one of the more visible of the many service projects which the 'S' Club members do each year.



# Drama and dance students add meaning to 'performing arts' at "Panthers on Parade"

by Dianne Watts

**K**nown for its efforts throughout the past century to bring culture and entertainment to the public, MHS made the Centennial Year a significant contribution to the community in dance and drama. Taught by Paul Tischer, the drama class was the largest in several years, with many sophomores and juniors interested in a chance to study acting and perform on the stage. Their first chance came early in the semester, when they acted in three skits in the *Panthers on Parade* Centennial show.

Mr. Tischer stated, "There are many talented students in my class, and others who were just not able to be in the class due to scheduling or financial problems. With the expanding of Modesto High over to Washington School I expect an increase in enrollment in the future. I feel that the Drama Department will benefit greatly from this increased interest and enrollment."

Tischer also hopes for a stagecraft class next year, which will design and build props, work the lighting system, and make costumes for the actors.

Also expanding in enrollment and production were the modern dance classes offered at MHS. Taught by Mrs. Chris Broome, both guys and girls learned the art of dancing everything from the waltz to disco. The

Dance Production class taught seventh period produced its annual assembly in May, displaying the various types of jazz, classical, and modern dances popular throughout the year.

Mrs. Broome's dance students also performed in the *Panthers on Parade* show, including alumni and some students from other high schools. They practiced for many hours each week to

prepare their steps and routines for a total of nine different dances demonstrating the changes that have occurred in the past century.

Both teachers agreed that the March 11 and 12 performances were a tremendous amount of pressure and hard work for the kids, but well worth their efforts to hear the sounds of applause from the delighted audiences.

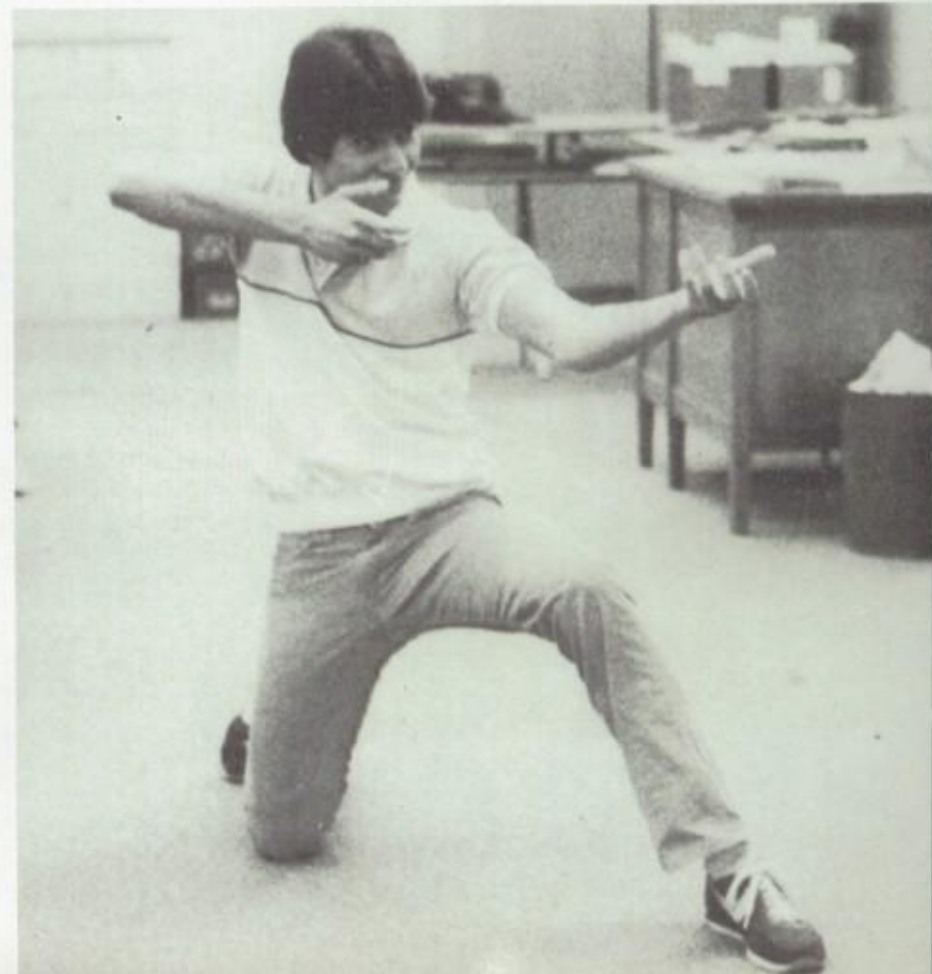


Above, Dance Production Team, front row: Veronica Vasquez, Shawna Crane, Janica Emig, Shanie Bentley, Cecilia Peral, Jovita Madrigal, Monica Contreras. second row: Kim Grimes, Rhonda Albright, Wendy Beauvais, Donna De Simone, Maria Dominguez,

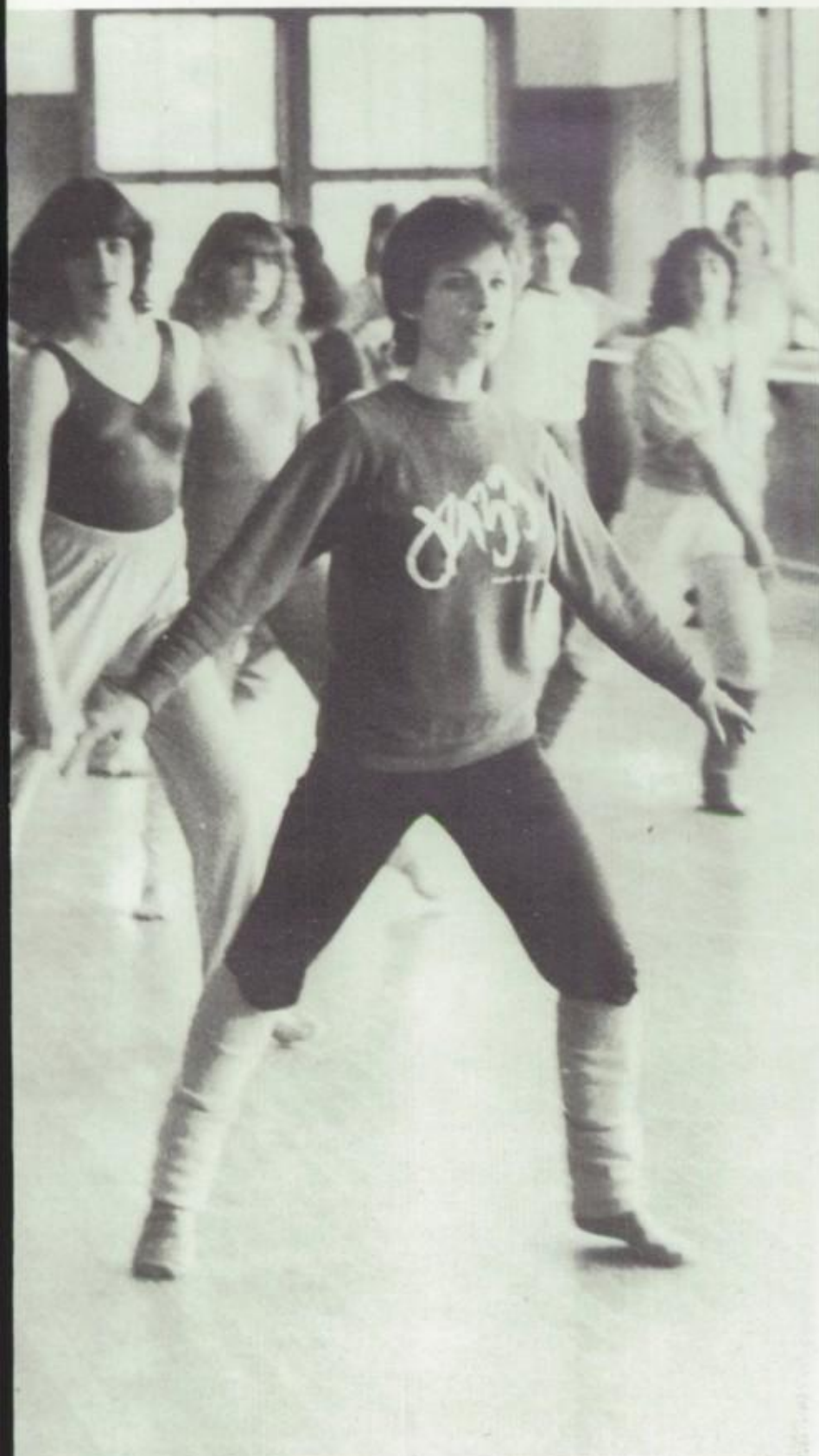
Marlaine Magnus. back row: Stephanie Wood, Jacy Lee, Camilla Tillman, Denise Ingram.

Upper Left: Dancer Robin Whittman checks her routine in the mirror for flaws.

Right: Doing pantomime, Anthony Presto takes aim on his victim.







**Left:** Mrs. Chris Broome leads Michelle Thorn, Tracy Weiford, Niguel Hernandez and Nadine Nunes along with the rest of her 4th period dance class through a practice of the basic exercises.

**Opposite Page, Center:** During the "Panthers on Parade" performance drama students Gilbert Sianez, Abbye Williams, Jason Medeiros, Luis Madrigal, Steve

Bryant, Gabriel Pacheco, Anthony Presto, Nedra Cuevas, David Scarborough and Keith Parker enact a scene from "Up the Down Staircase."

**Lower Center:** In the children's play "Winnie the Pooh," Becky Petty portrays the Owl.

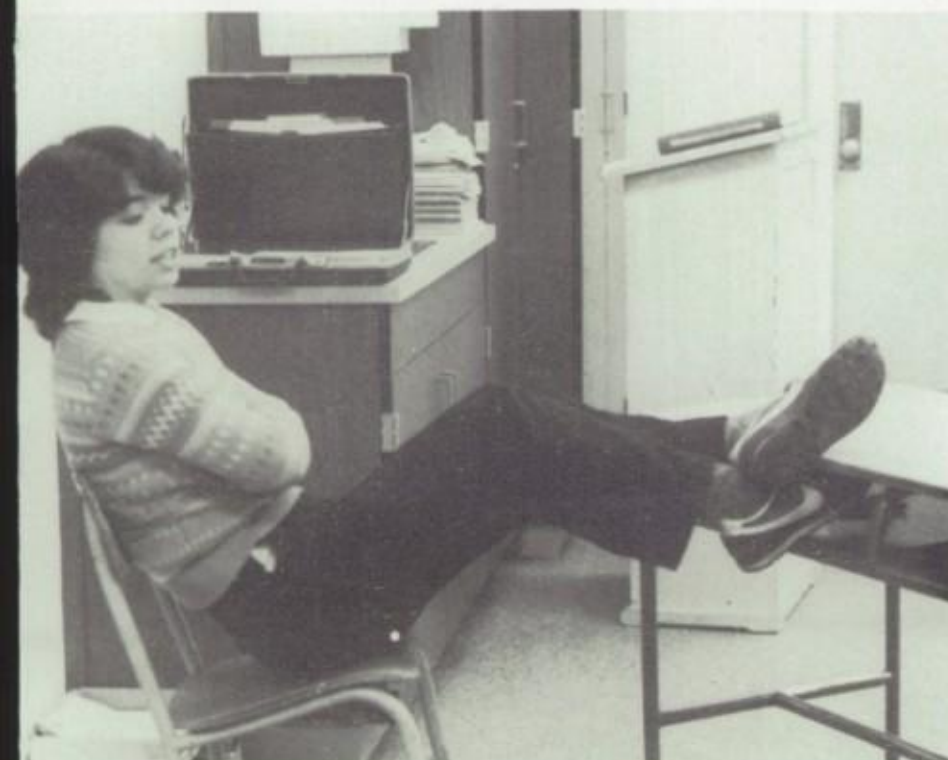
**Lower Right:** Twin Dancers Holly and Chris Beatty strike a classic pose.



**Above:** Drama students Leanda Gunter and Michelle Thorn do an improvisational skit.

**Left:** Gilbert Sianez and Anthony Presto exhibit their talent as actors.

**Second Left:** Aspiring actress Sandra Contreras rehearses her role.



I am proud to be a Panther because all the students are full of school spirit which is necessary for a school to stand as ONE!  
—Maria Avalos





Above, Marching Band: Terri Adams, Rolando Aguilar, Denise Aguirre, Lydia Alberto, Dalinda Angelo, Leslie Anglim, Gary Archer, Michelle Azevedo, Christine Beatty, Craig Boday, Chrissie Boucher, Marnie Bradford, Jeff Brown, Sherry Brownlee, Kari Camelio, Robert Carrillo, Scott Carter, Socorro Castro, Phil Cearley, Manuel Chapa, Vera Chapa, Mary Chavez, Ray Chavez, Shawyne Clark, Cherylee Cope, Steve Cousins, Ray Cox, Sandra Cox, Charlita Crane, Crystal Crowley, Chris Dallenbach, Annette Dickerson, Loren Dieu, Leonard Donaldson, Gwen Dooley, Marilyn Espinola, Mike Eyerly, Sabrina Farris, Paul Gerhardt, Iqbal Gill, Robert Goodloe, Ann Grays, Chantay Grays, Eric Grimes, Lisa Hayes, Sherri Hobbs, Michelle Howe, Todd Hunnicutt, Eric Jackson, Jenifer Jackson, Kimberlee James, Walter Jarvis, Darren Jenkins, Daniel Johnson, Melissa Jones, Greg Kowalewski, Rodney Laird, Jackie Langerman, Rick Langerman, Saman-

tha Lee, Crystal Lindsay, Tina Lloyd, Ron Lopes, Andrea Love, Marlaine Magnus, Martin Martinez, Pamela McClure, Katy McGrath, Susan McGrath, Chris Medeiros, Lauri Medeiros, Rodell Meeks, Sharyl Mendonza, Phyllis Mercer, Tina Miles, James Mitts, Tami Nevitt, M'Linda Nunez, Trace O'Laughlin, Sabrina Oliney, Bernita Ott, Paula Peeper, Rene Perry, Barry Peterson, Edna Polk, Joanne Potts, Wendy Rowe, Jose Sarmiento, Ed Sciarini, Steve Shaffer, Junior Shaird, Isaura Silveira, Melinda Simpson, Robert Sims, Nikki Smith, Kim Sperry, Matt Stiles, Sonia Stone, Socorro Stroud, Joel Summerfield, Danita Swinburg, Camilla Tillman, Kristi Valdez, Oscar Vega, Judy Vera, Ruth Vera, Cindy Vermeulen, Linda Walker, Sean Wani, Bill Wasson, Dixie Weststeyn, Laura Wheeler, Kimberly White, Michelle White, Paula White, Shanin White, Abbye Williams, Tammy Williams, Shellie Wilson, Erin Wray.



Above: On the starting line, Erin Wray, Paula Peeper, Terri Adams and Dalinda Angelo wait for the Drum Major's command. Upper Right, Winterguard, front row: Leslie Anglim, Dalinda Angelo, Pam McClure, Linda Walker, Sabrina Farris. back row:

Dixie Weststeyn, Paula White, Tina Miles, Marnie Bradford. Upper Center: Percussionists including Jeff Brown, Scott Adkins, Phil Cearley, Loren Dieu, Ray Cox, Lee Jarvis and Trace O'Laughlin keep the beat for the rest of the band.







## Marching Band largest in years; Color Guard competes successfully

by Sean Wani

**E**xecuting precise marching and maneuvering techniques, while providing exhilarating music and crowd-contagious spirit, the Modesto High School Marching Band and Color Guard completed another successful and satisfying year of competitive performances. Under the direction of instructors Gary Runsten, Kelli Brown, and Kevin Stambaugh, the Marching Panthers continued to place among the top bands in every competition entered.

With 125 members, the band was led in competition

by Drum Majors Joanne Potts and Ray Chavez. Improving their performances and rankings as the season progressed, the group participated in numerous football games and competitions. On November 20, the band competed in its most significant competition of the year, Music Bowl VI. Once again the band proved to have a top quality performance by placing in the elite top 12 in California.

At the end of the marching season came the performance of a different style of music; for the band it meant the starting of their concert season. Participating in

numerous local performances, the band was present at the gala *Panthers on Parade* and the Centennial Concert in May. Proving to its audiences that MHS is not just well known for its marching band, the concert band contributed to the success of many centennial activities.

Another competitive activity related to the band was Winterguard. This group, consisting of 10 members, practiced every Monday and Thursday nights to prepare for their 6-show season. The guard competed at shows ranging from Turlock to Hayward under the direction of Kelli Brown and color guard captain Pam McClure.

The MHS Winterguard placed in the top three guards during the majority of their competitions. They brought home a second place trophy from Hayward, beating guards from Moreau, Live Oak, and Logan High School. Starting off the season with 71.0, the guard consistently brought up their score and received an 83.0 at the championship show at Downey High School.



**Upper Left:** Field Drum Major Joanne Potts and Parade Drum Major Ray Chavez.

**Left:** Debbie Whitworth, Ray Chavez, Oscar Vega, Jackie Langerman, Erin Wray, Paula Peeper, James Mitts and Tina Miles stand at attention during the Senior Band Day performance.

**Second Left:** Sean Wani, Robert Goodloe and Sabrina Farris "get down" during their concert number of "Marianne."

**Far Left:** Color Guard Captain Pam McClure.



Being a Panther means to be proud and supportive,  
getting into the spirit of things. —Iqbal Gill



Below, Jazz Band, front row: Chris Dallenbach, Sabrina Farris, Robert Goodloe, Ron Lopes, Annette Dickerson, Manuel Chapa, Sean Wani, Pam McClure, Joanne Potts. back row: Dix-

ie Weststeyn, Rolando Aguilar, Ed Sciarini, Todd Hunnicutt, Junior Shaird, Ray Chavez. Right: Lisa Flores and Patty Morgan rehearse the parts of a new piece of violin music.



Above, Orchestra, front row: Sarah Gonzalez, Irvin Chalk, Hong Thai, Tom Miller, Donna De Simone, Keith Parker, Brenna Norris, Renato Balenovich, Donna Henry. second row: Maria Oliveira, Lisa Flores, Patty Morgan, Lillie Chalk, Suzy Campbell, Liz Oliveira, Tonya Echols, Angie Gonzalez, Bridgette Simmons, Tina Doty, Amanda

Adams, Mary Harvey, Carol Clack. third row: Rolando Aguilar, Robert Goodloe, James Mitts, Shawyne Clark, Nichelle Smith, Cheri Cope, Linda Walker, Pam McClure, Juanita Brunetti, Shelly Wyatt, Kathi Dixon, Ryan Edwards. back row: Bill Wasson, Manuel Chapa, Sean Wani, Ray Chavez, Raymond Cox, Donnie Worsham, Troy Campbell, conductor Rick Paderas.







Left: Sean Wani, Ray Chavez, Manuel Chapa and James Mitts practice "Russian Sailor's Dance" during a rehearsal. Below, Pep Band, front: Dixie Weststeyn, Eric Grimes. second row:

Sean Wani, Ron Lopes, Ed Sciarini, Matt Stiles, Manuel Chapa, Ray Chavez. third row: Rolando Aguilar, Chris Dallenbach, Todd Hunnicutt, Jose Sarmiento, Bill Wasson. back: Loren Dieu.



## Expanded orchestra visits Magic Mountain; Pep and Jazz bands provide entertainment

by Sean Wani

During the 1982 school year Modesto High continued to exhibit its usual award-winning music programs through the orchestra, Pep Band, and Jazz Band. These activities provided interested musicians the opportunity to play a wide variety of music ranging from classical to modern jazz.

In its 70th year of existence, the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Rick Paderas, brought to students a style of music not found in any other type of musical activity. Meeting every day during first period and lunch, the orchestra practiced diligently. Recognition was earned by the orchestra

through its performance in concerts and centennial activities. The major competition took the orchestra to Six Flags Magic Mountain, where members competed against orchestras from all over the state of California.

The Pep Band, led by student director Ray Chavez, continued to add glitter and pageantry to school activities and athletic events. Performing at numerous rallies, football, and basketball games, the Pep Band proved itself unique in entertaining and lifting the overall spirit of MHS. Amusing listeners with a wide variety of music ranging from yesterdays' "Charleston" to today's "Get It On," the Pep Band made

its presence known with just what their name implies, peppy enthusiasm.

Rounding out the trio of small instrumental groups is the Jazz Band. As an extra-curricular activity, the Jazz Band met after school and held evening rehearsals. Members were selected from both the Marching Band and Orchestra to perform a wide variety of jazz music. Perform-

ing at the All City Jazz Festival, and local school assemblies, the Jazz Band brought to its audiences a recollection of music and styles from the earlier jazz era.

Together, these three instrumental groups played an important part in maintaining the excellence of the all-around music program at MHS.



Opposite Page:

Center Left: Tina Doty and Bridgette Simmons rehearse for the spring concert.

Center Right, Upper: Pep Band members Bill Wasson, Matt Stiles, Manuel Chapa and Ray Chavez accompany the songleaders with the "Charleston."

Center Right, Lower: Violinists Angie Gonzales and Tonya Echols sight-read a piece of music for the first time. Lower Right: Pep Band members Rolando Aguilar, Gary Runsten and Steve Cousins play to the beat set by drummer Loren Dieu.

This Page:

Second Left: Sean Wani and Ron Lopes help the Pep Band liven up a fall rally.

Left: With her cello Donna Henry practices a new selection with the rest of the orchestra.

Above Left: First Chair Ryan Edwards concentrates on improving his fingering technique on the cello.

Above Right: Hong Thai and Tom Miller warm up on the violin by playing rudimentary scales.



# Vocal and piano classes expand; ensembles perform at community, school functions

by Stephanie Frazier

For those who want to enlarge their capability in the field of music, piano and vocal classes are offered at MHS under the tutelage of Dennis Clark. These classes help students to enrich their lives, as well as provide them with fine arts credits for graduation. Under the accomplished direction of Mr. Clark, members of the ensembles class were able to perform at many local functions, such as a ladies' luncheon at the Elk's Club, the Christmas Assembly at Modesto High, the Christmas Canned Food Drive, a lun-

cheon for Modesto City employees, and the 35th annual County Music Festival. Also, a few select members of ensembles participated in the Alumni Choir performance at the *Panthers on Parade* Centennial extravaganza in March.

Mr. Clark also taught beginning piano two periods a day. This class grew directly out of demonstrated interest: for the past two or three years students had been enrolling in chorus because they like music, but then really didn't want to sing. Partly out of desperation, he began giving them a

chance to learn simple pieces on the piano. This class quickly became so popular that another class was added this year. In this class, the students were able to select their own music, and Mr. Clark gave them advice and instruction on the best techniques of performing each piece.

With enrollment increas-

ing and interest in both vocal and instrumental music on the upswing, the once-precarious position of the Music Department seems past, and it appears to be recovering at least a little its formerly prominent spot as an important element in the cultural offerings of Modesto High.



Above, Ensembles, front row: Tina Kennedy, Darlene McDonald, Leah Harrell, Holly Beatty, Tamara Clark. second row: Jelita Chabino, Michelle Wignall, Patrick Grenio, Mark Conway, Tony Carter, Pam Ketchum. third row: Michelle Thorn, RoseMarie Garcia, Miguel Hernandez, April Armstrong, Carole Guyton, Doreen Kravanja, Terry Christensen. fourth row: Vickie Johnston, Michelle Crabtree, Diane Polk, Gwen Elder, James Bowen, Jack LaFountain. back row: Melinda Garber, Hector Baraza, Jim Gipson. Right: Lee Jarvis rehearses his piano assignment. Second Right: Mary Jarvis prepares for her next assignment by practicing chords on the piano.







**Left:** Jennifer Azevedo looks over the music she plans to practice while Shellie Wilson prepares to listen.

**Above:** Vocal and piano instructor Dennis Clark leads ensembles members Hector Barraza, Joe Lopez, John Hallford, Jason Helmer, Steve Bryant, Michelle Crabtree, Tamara Clark, Melinda Garber, Terry Christensen and

Michelle Howe in the last song at the Christmas Assembly.

**Lower Left:** Tony Carter, Holly Beatty and Vicki Johnston rehearse for an upcoming performance.

**Lower Center:** Regina Vanderburg, Tony Carter, Tamara Clark and Mark Conway listen attentively to make sure they harmonize correctly.



**Upper Right:** Accompanied by the Pep Band, members of the ensembles class perform at the Christmas Assembly.

**Above:** Piano student Sally Hernandez practices a new song during class time.

**Left:** Alto singer Terry Christensen rehearses during class for the County Music Festival.

**Second left:** Rehearsing her piano assignment, senior Marilyn Wolf plays "Open Arms."







Above, Art Club, front row: Lucas Alberto, Jose Zapien, Doug Clark, Jesse Castaneda. second row: David Snyder, Jeremy Shuman, Jim Peck, Mario Alcala. third row: Clint McCullough,

Jake Weston, Lydia Andrews. back row: Chris Aldana, Richard Brunetti, Leroy Grays, Gregg Reim, Brenda Swartz, Lora Bryant. Right: Trace O'Laughlin adds finishing touches to his painting.



Above: Zusi Zuniga listens to instructions before continuing with her project.

Upper Left: Photographer Jake Weston carefully focuses his camera to get that perfect picture. Upper Center: Arcelia Quintero, Sokhom Sambum and Lisa Rodriguez begin a drawing assignment.

Right: In a ceramics class, Troy McCutcheon makes a little mug for himself.





# Art Department holds annual Faire, sponsors float in Centennial Parade

by Paula Peeper

**W**hile some students enrolled in art just to satisfy a fine arts graduation requirement, others enjoyed the chance to take a break from the daily routine of doing written assignments. They were allowed enough time for working on their projects as they aimed to achieve their own ideas of perfection. The more talented and ambitious students took several classes at ad-

vanced levels because they hoped to try their hands at art-oriented careers.

As the school year began, the Art Department gained momentum as one of the areas of the school actively involved with plans for participation in the Centennial Celebration. Student art shows and exhibits were frequent occurrences during the year.

Art classes offered included ceramics, commercial art,

drawing and painting, leathercraft, and ceramic sculpture. Advanced art courses offered students further opportunity to work with oils, inks, acrylics, watercolors, ceramics and school service projects.

Held during third period in the drawing and painting class, Art Club meetings were open to students with an expressed interest, or those nominated by instructors Leroy Giovannoni, Phyllis Boteler, and James Shuman. Meetings were conducted by president Lisa Randolph, vice president Lora Bryant and secretary-treasurer Lisa Andrews.

Fundraising for the club consisted of selling popcorn

at football and basketball games and similar activities. In addition to the usual Art Fair held in May, at which drawings, paintings, photographs and posters were displayed in the courtyard, the club participated in the Centennial Parade by constructing a three-dimensional model of the original H Street main building as its float entry.

"I'm very proud of the excellent quality the students have this year," stated Mrs. Phyllis Boteler, Art Club advisor. "The participation this year has been extraordinary compared to the last few years and it made our Centennial Celebration even more special."



Above: Rhonda Albright puts the final touches on a ceramic bowl before it is fired.

Left: Shannon Vanderburg smiles at the results of her work in painting class.

Second Left: During a leathercraft class, Elizabeth Watson carefully engraves a design.

Opposite page, Lower Right: Outhith Vongkhamchan and Doug Bixler compare their work in an Art 1 class.

Opposite Page, Center Right: After completing a drawing, Russell Newton puts his name, date and period in the lower right hand corner of the paper.



*I come from a family of five MHS graduates, and I'm proud to be one of many to keep traditions like that going.*  
—Sabrina Farris



# Egg Babies to CPR: driver ed, careers, health combine for lively program in Sophomore Goals

by David Hodges

**D**uring their sophomore year, students are required to complete a course known as Sophomore Goals, lasting throughout the year, this course comes in three parts: health education in one semester and career planning and driver education in the other.

Health education provides information in first aid and CPR, as well as studies into the human reproductive systems. In the CPR instructions, students are required to practice "life saving" procedures on plastic dummies. Students also have the thrill of experiencing parent-hood with Egg Babies. A week-long project, "Egg Babies" is designed to teach young adults the responsibilities of being a mom or dad.

For one quarter, sophomores take a course in career planning. This course helps them decide which career field they are best suited for, according to their GATB test results, which are processed by a computer. Students take occasional visits to the Career Center to explore further the various occupations in which they may be interested.

The Career Club is an outgrowth of Work Ex-

perience and ROP. Sponsored in part by the local Boy Scouts organization, it provides diligent students the opportunity to meet and listen to professionals from different career fields, such as agriculture, law enforcement, construction, and military careers. Every session brings better understanding to those interested.

Driver education entails information and instruction on the rules, regulations, and safety operations of a motor vehicle. After successfully completing this course as well as driver training (offered for six weeks almost every semester on a pull-out basis from PE or an elective class), students are eligible to apply for a driver license.

In addition to these three major components of Sophomore Goals, all students who are pursuing the General Plan for graduation must also take a one-semester course called consumer awareness. This course is divided into three segments, taught through

the social science, business, and home economics departments.

Many students are made more aware of their own ambitions, goals and aptitudes through the vital Sophomore Goals course. With the aid of these classes, students learn to become level-headed adults in the world in which they must survive.



**Right:** Gina May and Anne Verissimo clean up after an experiment in the sophomore biology class.

**Upper Center:** Yolanda Hernandez, John La Fromboise, Armando Hernandez and Ramona Mackri test their speeds on the Manual Dexterity boards.

**Second Right:** A rather grown-up Egg Baby awaits the return of his mother.





Far Left: Driver Education instructor Len Kaiser lectures to his class as Jose Vera takes notes.  
Left: Thoughtful parent Tina Deatherage checks her Egg Baby's diapers.  
Below: Listening carefully to Mr.

Marty Boer's instructions, Lloyd Hable, John Gusman, Ramona Mackri, Armando Hernandez, John La Fromboise, Yolanda Hernandez, Lydia Ortega and Evelia Nava prepare to use their Manual Dexterity boards.



Upper Center: While a friend busily takes notes, Auralee Millard dictates her findings in a health experiment.  
Above: Beno Villareal and Chris Dunn prepare their data for the

next experiment.  
Left: Armando Hernandez takes advantage of the study time in Career Planning class to catch up on some homework.



Modesto High has been going strong for 100 years and we're not quitting yet! I'm proud to be a Panther.  
—Christine Beatty



Below, CSF, front row:: Orlando Madrid, Julie Westwood, Sean Wani, Carla Jarvis, Erin Wray, Laure Medeiros, Marlaine Magnus, Marcos Madrid. **second row:** Shawyne Clark, Jeanette Howser, Jovita Madrigal, Kris Wing, Dalinda Angelo, Doreen Jenkins, Tracy Weiford, Sandra Contreras, Cherylee Cope, Mary Yandell, Tammy Rancour. **third row:** Dianne Watts, Patricia Trujillo, Kashmir Gill, Lisa Negele, Joanne Potts, Kim Haaburg.

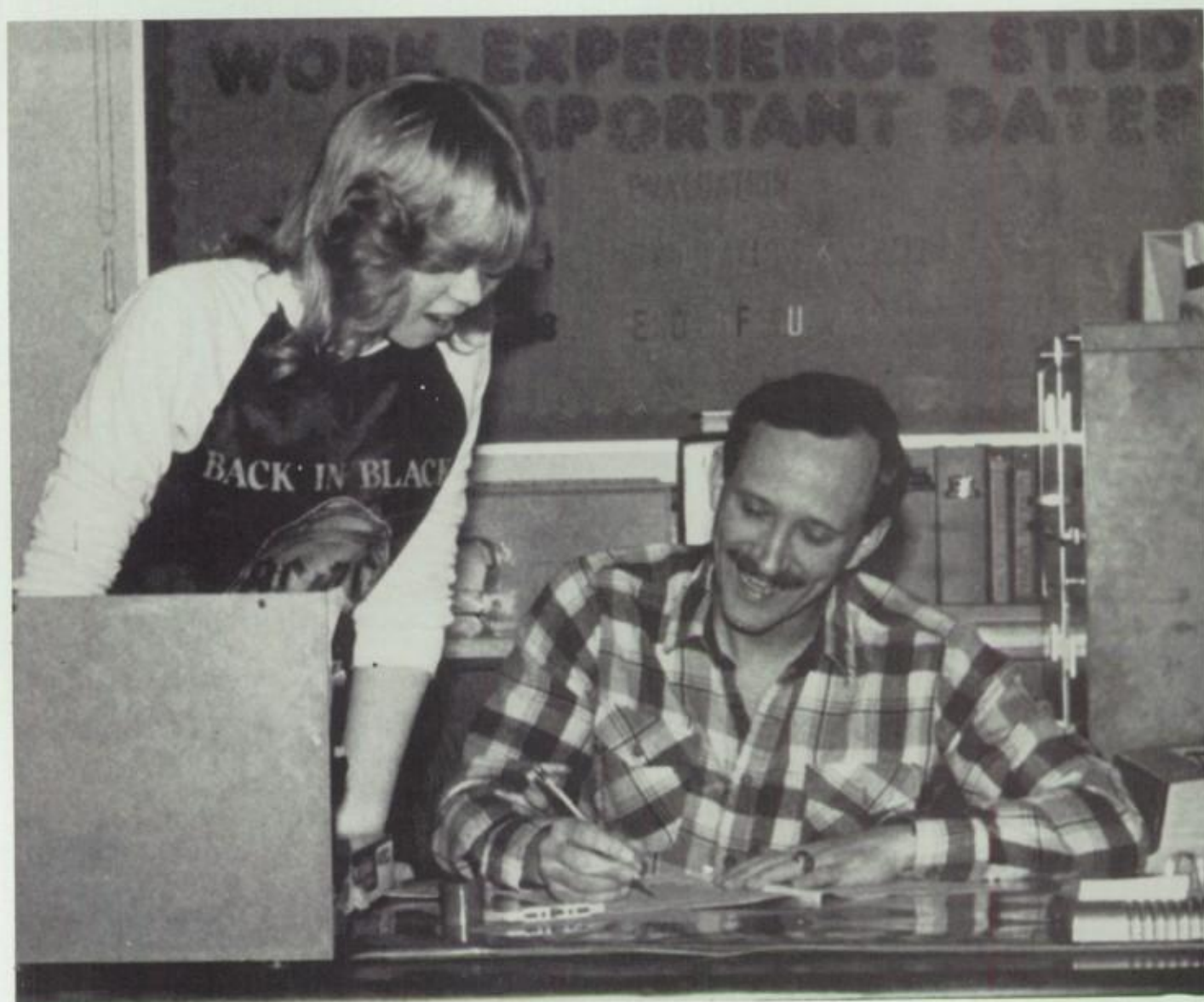
Sarah Gonzalez, Becky Petty, Sandi Grover, advisor Walter Baddell. **fourth row:** Ofelia Trujillo, Cindy Vermeulen, Connie Dias, Carmen Ramirez, Sabrina Farris, Chris Mihelis, Tammy Noffsinger, Marilyn Wolf, Rachel Cole, Vickie Johnston, Melinda Garber, Linda Walker. **back row:** Joe Mendonza, Bruno Spani, Dennis Wend, David Absher, Jeremy Shuman, Mickey Nugent, Arthur Martinez, Ron Lopes, Martin McCarthy, Jason Kanar.



Upper Right: John Howard gains Work Experience credit from his job at Wendy's.

Right: Terri Froman appreciates the help of Manuel Palazuelos in finding a job through the Career Center.

Below: Her ROP class at Modesto City Hospital gives Lori Howell a chance to work with newborn babies.



Right: During ROP Welding class, Albert Crocker and Paul Huntemann carefully practice to improve their welding skills.

Second Right: Jose Garcia accepts tickets from customers during his job at Vintage Faire Cinemas.





# 'Work' takes many forms, from ROP to Work Experience to academic achievement

by Mike Toso

Many students wish to learn about certain fields of work while remaining in a classroom situation. MHS offers job-related classes through the Career Center called ROP, Regional Occupation Programs. Each of the area high schools offers different types of subjects for students who wish to get a head start on their future college or vocational school major.

Computer Science, offered at Davis and Modesto High, is a popular course. Other MHS offerings include Word Processing, Electrical Trades, and Welding Construction. Extra classtime isn't necessary for interested students, because ROP classes are given throughout the day, usually two periods long. Director of the MHS ROP program is Mrs. Beve Streeter.

Many students like to get

"on the job" training without a classroom situation. For them, Work Experience, supervised by Mr. Manuel Palazuelos, is well worth their time. Everything in a work experience situation is basically the same as an actual work day, but students receive class credit in place of part of the paycheck, and are given fewer hours. Working on an actual job helps them to decide what kind of occupa-

tion they're actually looking for.

Work Experience students often leave campus after fourth period to go to their jobs. Some have early morning hours and arrive later in the morning. Whether working in a department store or fast food service, students all receive the learning experience of a real day to day job.

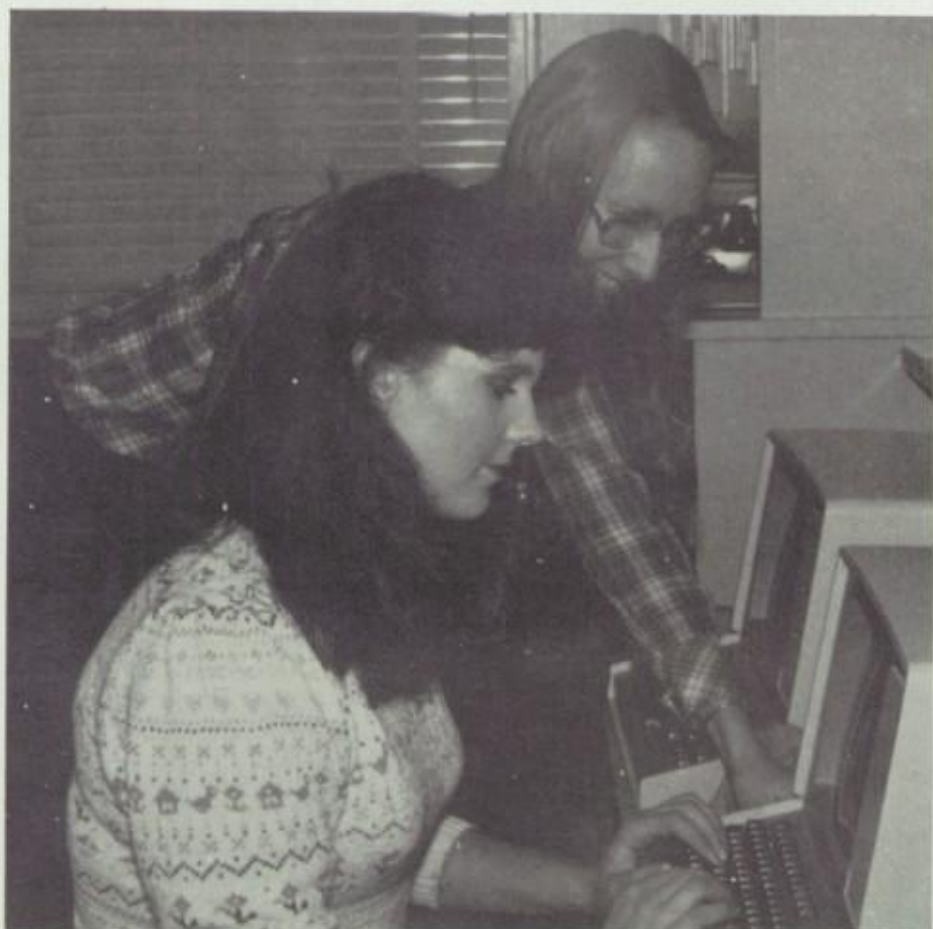
The California Scholarship Federation is an organization designed for college-bound students wishing to get information about different colleges and scholarships offered by each one. Mr. Walter Baddel advises the group at MHS, open to students with a required 3.0 grade point average. He helps many students with college and scholarship applications, unraveling all the "red tape" required by many schools. "CSF" is stamped on each member's official record, making every college examining group aware of his or her membership. When time and money is available, the club visits nearby colleges and universities, enabling students to receive updated information.

Every year, CSF holds an inter-city dance at the Elks' Club for students from the four city high schools to attend and meet each other. This gives students a chance to express their views with new people who might also be interested in the same college or field of study.

Left: During her ROP Data Processing class, Loree Oaks receives help on a difficult access problem from instructor Judy Jones.

Second Left: Dalinda Angelo fills a customer's order for a large soft drink while working at McDonald's.

Upper Left: CSF advisor Walter Baddell discusses the club's plans for a spring field trip with members Sean Wani, Dalinda Angelo, and Jeremy Shuman.



My relationship with Modesto High is simple but very important. I think it's great just to have been a part of it during its 100th Birthday!

—Philip Mercer



Below, Ski Club, front row: Lisa Dickson, Paula Peeper, Leanda Gunter, Dianne Watts, Erin Wray. back row: Kelly Calkins, Chuck Meyer,



Right: Easily returning a lob, Beth Moore sharpens her skills during PE class. Second Right: Block M member Randy Dill relaxes in the courtyard during lunch.



Above: A beginning PE class works hard to improve their skills in a volleyball game.

Center Left: Students and parents enjoy the dessert at the Winter Sports Banquet.

Center Right: Frank Cardosa struggles with a heavy set of weights as he attempts to curl 135 pounds.

Right, Block M Club, front row: Marcos Madrid, Leroy Grays, Dino Quinn, Luis Madrigal, Shannon Nicholson, Ron Dixon, Mike Toso. second row: Melinda Simpson, Doreen Jenkins, Leslie Anglim, Rhonda Albright, Sandi Grover,

Beth Moore, Stephanie Heersink, Pam Ketchum, Cindy Vermeulen. third row: Chris Mihelis, Camilla Tillman, Melinda Lee, Lori Howell, Dianne McHale, Denise Presley, Valarie Butler, Dawn Hudson, Arney Corbin. fourth row: Bob Dollar, Joey Stowers, Bo Annvik, Brian Nevitt, Randy Dill, Dennis Wend, Sheryl Hardenbrook, Sharyl Mendonza, Sam Cousins. back row: Darren Teeple, Andy Gonzales, David Absher, Harrison Lee, Troy McCutcheon, Sergio Harrison, David Zehnder, Bruno Spani, Joe Mendonza.







# PE maintains physical 'tone'; Block M honors still popular; Ski Club revives for winter season

by Tommy Warren

**M**odesto High's Physical Education Department, Ski Club and Block M are the major campus organizations pertaining to sports. Due to their interest in sports at MHS, PE students have made great efforts to better themselves through the courses offered in basketball, tennis, dance,

gymnastics, ping-pong, weight training, swimming, softball, and other activities. The negative aspects of non-participation by some students is overshadowed by the active students who enjoy working their bodies into shape.

The honorary athletic society, Block M, was organized in the 1920's and is one of the oldest clubs on campus. MHS tradition has honored many great athletes over the years. Wearing a Block M jacket anywhere is a matter of pride. The organization has been co-ed for the past few years, as it was in its early days, but its awards are no longer bestowed for any honor except athletics. Although one of the major purposes of the club has been to raise money for the athletic needs of the school, the club unfortunately has not been very active in this purpose over the past year. Despite this lack of commitment, Block M remains one of the most respected organizations on the campus.

The Ski Club was organized in late November due to the increasing popularity of skiing. The club rapidly became one of the largest on campus with fifty-five students involved. The group planned a three day trip to Heavenly Valley during early February. Payments toward the \$125 weekend were taken in December and January on a first-come, first-serve basis, since not nearly everyone who was interested could be accommodated.

The popularity of the club and the sport of skiing seemed to demonstrate that the expense was worthwhile to many Modesto High students. Although the Ski Club had not been formally organized since 1979, students eagerly joined their efforts under advisors Dee Killam and Paul Tischer to get one started again, hoping to revive another MHS club and thereby keep extracurricular activities alive. Officers were president Erin Wray and vice president-secretary Dianne Watts.



**Left:** At the Fall Sports Banquet Lisa Andrews, Melinda Lee, Denise Presley, Sharyl Mendonza, Cindy Vermeulen, Sandi Grover and Rhonda Albright wait to receive their volleyball awards.

**Second Right:** Varsity football coach Butch Mendonca presents long-time MJC football coach Stan Pavko with an appreciation gift.

**Center Left:** Having been forced inside by the rain, Theresa Ramirez watches her table tennis partner Kim McClure return a serve in their PE class.





# A Century

by Rhonda Albright



Above: Posing on the front steps to promote a play in the 1920's, students are disciplined for drawing their version of "Old Lady Pride."

Right: Displaying their enjoyment of an evening of quiet entertainment, Jose Garcia, Rhonda Albright and Susie Beckwith sing along as Chris Aldana plays the pump organ in the parlor at the McHenry Museum.





# of Individuals



during the past century, more than 100,000 individuals have attended or served as staff members at Modesto High School. Thousands of MHS graduates have since become prominent citizens of the Stanislaus County area. Many have achieved fame and recognition of a broader scope, in such diverse fields as agriculture, vocal music, religion, professional sports, and entertainment.

For the first half of the 20th century, MHS was the only high school in town, and its students excelled in every imaginable achievement. Thus alumni and "near graduates" from the 1920's to the present time think of MHS with a very special fondness, for it is the source of occurrences both happy and sad in their teenage years that have molded their lives and their memories.

The first long-term administrator was Thomas Downey, who served from 1889 to 1915; his 26 years as principal still stand as a record. He led students and faculty from a one-room enrollment of less than 50 to an 8-room enrollment of 250, and from a fixed, three-year curriculum to a four-year program with numerous electives. By his retirement, plans were underway to move to a larger site.

A more recent principal, J. Wesley Berry, served the school from 1935 to 1968, of which the last 18 were as principal. He presided over the latest period of growth and change, with the reconstruction of the present campus and the opening of Downey and Davis High Schools occurring during his tenure.

Between these two principals came 33 years of development unparalleled in scope and unrivaled in excellence. From a graduating class of 36 in 1915, the school "maxed out" in 1953 with 559. An estimated 80% of all 20,833 graduates are still alive, filled with nostalgia for their alma mater.

Individuals of all races and many nationalities have contributed to the strength of MHS. Blacks, Italians, Japanese, Mexicans, Portuguese, Vietnamese, have mingled their efforts with that of the basic white majority to create a truly unique Panther Heritage.



Left: Enjoying the noon-hour break, senior Bruno Spani shares a joke with his friends.

Below: Her individuality and friendliness apparent, freshman Janna Rhine smiles shyly.



Above: Sophomore Michelle Foust flashes a friendly smile as she leaves class and heads for the courtyard.





# A Century of Individuals



by Susie Beckwith

In the past, MHS individuals segregated themselves into one or another group. There wasn't a lot of choice, for they were either involved with the "in" group or they were left out. Today there are several socially approved groups, while many people consider themselves a part of no group which could be considered "in" or "out" but simply do what they think is their own thing.

A funny thing about "in" groups: determining which ones are approved depends primarily on the perceptions of the individual, so that what one person thinks is "in" may be very much "out" according to another's opinion.

One example of "in" is hanging out in the courtyard, wearing Vans, 501's and Varnets, and calling yourself a Beach Bum or Surfer; on the other hand, Aggies feel that wearing



Upper Left: "Sultry" Esther Tully, a 1919 grad, provides a charming image in her senior portrait.

Center Left: A 1953 graduate, Dr. Alan Vincent is currently one of the members of the Modesto City Schools Board of Education.

Left: Graduate Bonnie Beaman poses for her 1961 senior portrait.

Above: Juniors Victor Curci and Leslie Anglim try out each others' headgear to see if they can improve their grades in English class.

Right: "Chorus line" members Sabrina Farris, Susie Beckwith and Dianne McHale sing their way through a commercial at the fall year-book assembly.



cowboy boots, jeans, belts and buckles, and cowboy hats is the only way to go. Obviously, a lot depends on your own personal preference.

The newest group of individuals to become a part of Modesto High is the freshman class. These enthusiastic newcomers are quick to pick up the characteristics of everyday life and to fit in with other class members, not only other freshmen but also upperclassmen.

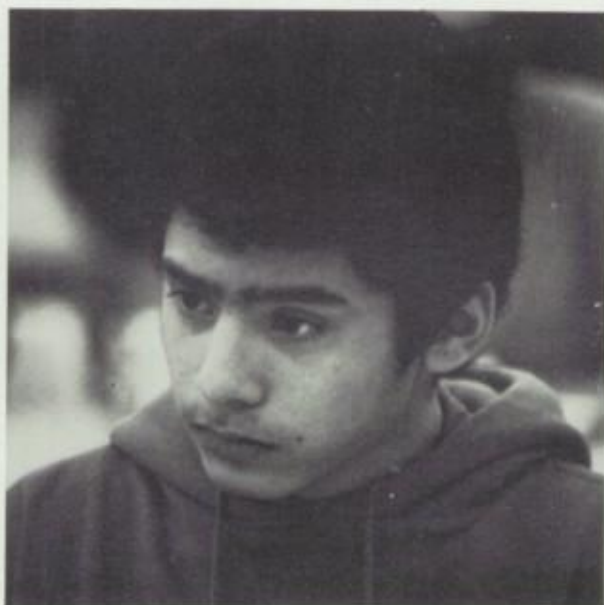
Though there were never any major problems between the classes, there was occasionally a struggle of some sort for a freshman trying to avoid seniors who wished to "initiate" him or her in the traditional way by use of a garbage can or other demeaning task.

During the tenth and eleventh grades, students tried to get academic classes out of the way. These were also the most active years, in

spirit, sports, or student government. Students excelled in each field as well as in academic and individual maturity.

The various informal groups which spanned the differences between classes were considered special because they weren't segregated by grade levels or between the different races. The relationship between freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors was primarily a friendly one. Freshmen became active participants in the pursuit of Panther Life, while the relationships of previous years continued with the upperclassmen becoming closer as the year progressed.

Modesto High individuals have excellent communication between themselves, as well as with faculty members, providing one more example of the pride and unity within MHS!



Upper Left: Brian Nevitt, Butch Elinburg and Robert Berry, better known as the "South-Mo Gang," spend their lunch hour at their favorite spot, leaning against the art office window.

Upper Right: David Absher, Brian Nevitt, Dino Quinn and Leroy Grays watch intently at the play in action

while taking a break from the sidelines.

Above Left: Ray Tobar takes a moment from his lunch to question his friend's effort at a joke.

Above Right: Junior Laurie Medeiros enjoys the action at a rally.





## Rodney Owen

by Paula Peeper

**M**HS has done an excellent job of molding all kinds of people into one environment. Most schools can't do that," states Mr. Rodney Owen, Director of Student Activities.

English teacher Owen has worked on special projects for Title I classes, has coached five years of speech, and has currently taken on the role of activities director for the MHS student body.

In that role, Mr. Owen is in charge of nearly all non-athletic events on campus, including dances, contests, and assemblies. For many of these, he delegates actual super-



Mrs. Carol Whiteside  
**Board President**  
BA—UC Davis  
psychology  
member, Cal. School  
Boards Assn.  
enjoys camping, swimming,  
family activities

Mrs. Marjorie Fovinci  
**Board Member**  
BA—U of Redlands  
credential—UC Berkeley  
Spanish  
member, AAUW, v.p. Girl  
Scout Council, former  
pres. League of Women  
Voters  
enjoys music, traveling, gar-  
dening, cooking, reading

Mr. Steven Grenbeaux  
**Board Member**  
BA—San Francisco State  
cred. CSC, Stanislaus  
Vietnam Vet  
teacher, Empire School  
District  
MHS grad, 1963

once in a while." He regularly rides his bike to and from school no matter what the weather is like.

Along with the job of supervising all campus activities, Mr. Owen sits in at all student council meetings as advisor. The students involved receive great amounts of help from him when important decision making is concerned. One member commented, "Mr. Owen has taught us to run strict student council meetings. We now use our time better and get more things done. He has been a great help."



vision to other faculty members. Putting together successful functions that allow all students to join together and have a great time is the goal he hopes to achieve. Of course, the most enjoyable part of his job is staying as active as the students.

In his spare time, Mr. Owen enjoys hobbies as varied as backpacking, embroidery, fishing, gardening, and "dancing



**Upper Left:** In a Chapter I English class, Mr. Rodney Owen teaches the importance of public awareness.

**Above:** During the Christmas Assembly Mr. Owen assumes the role of Santa Claus, delivering an amusing speech to the student body.



Mrs. Harriet Kirschen  
**Board Member**  
MHS grad  
Board member  
since 1963



Dr. Alan Vincent  
**Board Member**  
MHS grad  
BS—Brigham Young U  
DDS—Western Reserve  
U, Cleveland, Ohio



Mr. Michael McKibban  
**Board Member**  
BA—UC Davis  
zoology  
member, Coalition Center  
for the Disabled, JayCees

Dr. Robert Otto  
**Superintendent**  
BS—U of Nebraska  
MA—Creighton U, Omaha  
MS—Chapman College  
EdD—UCLA  
1968-73 Newport Mesa  
1973-78 Grossmont HS  
1978-81 Dixie ES  
enjoys tennis, model trains,  
sports, card games, family  
MCS Superintendent since  
January, 1981



Mr. John Uhl  
**Board Member**  
BS—Penn State U  
chemical engineering  
insurance agent

Mr. James C. Enochs  
**Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum**  
BA—CSU San Jose  
MA—UC  
Adm. Cred.—UOP  
MHS grad  
MCS Asst. Superintendent  
since 1975





Mr. Richard Lang  
**Principal**  
BA, MA—CSU, Fresno  
political science, educational  
management  
enjoys golf, tennis, and  
fishing  
at MHS since 1981

Diane Dinsmore  
**Assistant Principal,  
Instruction**  
BA—Csc, Stanislaus  
member, California Math  
Council  
enjoys autos, swimming,  
sailing  
at MHS since 1975  
new as AP this year

Mr. Ronald L. Hill  
**Assistant Principal,  
Student Personnel**  
MA—Loma Linda U.  
couns. and psych.  
member, Phi Delta Kappa  
enjoys work, bowling  
at MHS since 1976

Mr. Charles Vidal  
**Dean of Students**  
BA—Cal Poly, Pomona  
MA—Azusa Pacific College  
nine years teacher, coach,  
SB director, Rubidow HS,  
Riverside  
enjoys time spent with fam-  
ily, restoring antique cars  
at MHS since 1979

Mr. Walter Baddell  
**Counselor**  
BA—UC; MA—UOP  
advisor, CSF  
chairman, Elks Club  
Scholarship Committee  
president, Phi Delta Kappa  
Educational Fraternity  
at MHS since 1956

Mr. Joseph Fabela  
**Counselor**  
BA—Fresno State  
MA—CSU, Sacramento  
member, Modesto Couns.  
Assn, CPGA,  
MTA-CTA-NEA  
co-sponsor, MASA  
enjoys fishing, boating,  
water skiing  
at MHS since 1969



Ms. Trudy Kamps  
**Counselor**  
MSW—U of Michigan  
at MHS since 1969

Mrs. Carol A. Nelson  
**School Nurse**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
RN—Loyola U  
RN—Presbyterian-  
St. Luke's  
member, Stanislaus  
County School Nurse  
Organization  
member, California  
School Nurse Org.  
at MHS since 1971

Ms. Sheridan King  
**Counselor**  
MEd—UC Santa Barbara  
enjoys riding, sailing,  
skiing, painting,  
sculpting, reading  
at MHS since 1977

Mr. Rodney Owen  
**Director of Student  
Activities**  
BA—MacMurray College  
enjoys backpacking, fishing,  
and home repairs  
at MHS since 1974  
new as DSA this year

Mr. Art Barba  
**Title I Coordinator**  
MA—CSC, Hayward  
enjoys woodcraft, tennis,  
basketball  
at MHS since 1977

Mr. Manuel R. Palazuelos  
**Work Experience  
Counselor**  
BA—CSC, Sonoma  
president, Northern San  
Joaquin Valley Chapter,  
CAWEE  
at MHS since 1973

Mr. Robert Head  
**Speech Therapist**  
MA—CSC, Stanislaus  
in Communication  
Pathologies  
enjoys "fast music, fast  
cars, etc."  
at MHS in 1979, returned  
this year

Mrs. Lucinda Predmore  
**Librarian**  
MA—U of Arizona  
history, education  
enjoys flying, reading,  
gardening  
at MHS since 1969

Ms. Vivian Hawkins  
**Title I Counselor**  
BA, MA—CSU, Fresno  
member, Phi Delta Kappa  
enjoys sewing, swimming,  
bowling, community  
involvement  
professional artist  
at MHS since 1976

Mrs. Mary Rose Shelton  
**Chapter I Nurse**  
MA—Chapman College  
licensed Marriage, Family,  
and Child Counselor  
returning to MHS after 3  
years in Europe

Mr. William Lewis  
**School Psychologist**  
BA, MS—CSU, San Jose  
enjoys jogging  
at MHS since 1974

Mrs. Ingrid Strong  
**Migrant Resource  
Teacher**  
MA—U of Arizona  
ESL, German  
enjoys skiing, tennis,  
reading, backpacking  
at MHS since 1981



*I am proud to be a Panther because Modesto High  
has the best students and the best teachers.*  
Vickie Johnson



## Teaching staff upholds proud traditions

by John Hallford

**M**odesto High is fortunate to have what is often called the best staff around. This feeling is based on the opinions of the public, teachers and administrative members of other schools in the area, as well as the students at MHS.

Throughout the years the faculty of MHS has held the well-deserved title of being the most spirited and involved staff in the city. Many faculty members have made maintaining and encouraging school spirit not only a part of their job, but also a part of their weekly lives, neither of which is

required. A prime example of this is in the person of Mr. John Sample, the chairman of the Social Science Department.

As the years have gone by and the trends of the times have changed, students have changed their attitudes by becoming more casual in their behavior around school. Even through this the staff of MHS has managed to come back each year and encourage students to do their best. They have long upheld a tradition of dedication to the students of Modesto High and their education.

The staff of Modesto High has for some time remained, in a way, the unsung heroes. As the graduating classes leave MHS each year a larger class moves up to replace their predecessors. The teachers have had to compensate for these increases with little or no aid. Even with the recent unexpected cutbacks in funding and supplies, the faculty of Modesto High has put out extra effort to maintain standards of teaching. Although receiving little recognition for their efforts they were appreciated highly by students and other faculty members.

For years faculty members have been instrumental in supervising clubs and organizations, especially in helping them with fundraising activities. Realizing their generosity, students always appreciate the faculty support.



Above: At the AFS banquet, Mrs. Maridale Smith points the "forward" students to the end of the chow line.

Right: Woodshop teacher Harlan Elving checks to see that the clamps a student has applied are securely tightened.



Mr. Paul Abby  
**Physical Education**  
MS—Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo  
coach, frosh football,  
varsity basketball  
at MHS since 1971

Miss Marilee Abercrombie  
**Business**  
BA—CSU, San Jose  
sponsor, Business Club  
at MHS since 1970



Mr. Jim Autry  
**Co-Chairman, English**  
AB—CSU, San Francisco  
advisor, Junior Class  
GATE teacher  
at MHS since 1971

Mrs. Mary Baker  
**English**  
MA—Washington State  
advisor, Senior Class  
enjoys golfing, the arts,  
bridge  
at MHS since 1966

Mr. John Blackman  
**Resource Specialist**  
MA—CSU, Hayward  
degree in Music Ed.  
enjoys guitar, woodcraft,  
all sports  
professional musician/  
performer  
at MHS since 1977

Mr. Daniel Boer  
**Adaptive PE**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
physical education  
degree in Adaptive PE  
from UOP  
enjoys golf, fast-pitch  
softball, politics,  
world affairs  
new at MHS in 1981

Being proud of Modesto High simply means supporting the entire school, as well as fellow Panthers, in anything it may do!  
—Lisa Negele





Mr. Martin Boer  
**Careers, Athletics**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
head coach, varsity  
baseball, frosh football  
enjoys golfing, hi fi, soft-  
ball, racquetball  
at MHS since 1974

Mrs. Phyllis Boteler  
**Art**  
BA—Calif. Col. Arts and  
Crafts  
enjoys cooking, sketching,  
and painting  
at MHS since 1959

Mrs. Chris Broome  
**Dance**  
MA—US International U  
opened own **Dance Arts**  
**Studio**, 1979  
at MHS since 1977

Mrs. Aileene Campbell  
**Chairman, Business**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
enjoys fishing, camping,  
sewing  
at MHS since 1969

Mr. Dave Christiansen  
**World Geography**  
BA—U of Copenhagen,  
Denmark  
physical education and  
geography  
enjoys sports, travel  
new at MHS this year

Mr. Dennis Clark  
**Music**  
MA—CSC, Stanislaus  
enjoys music and tennis  
teaches piano and organ  
at MHS since 1970



Mr. H. L. Clark  
**Social Science**  
MA—U of Tulsa  
advisor, Freshman Class  
coach, track  
enjoys gardening, reading,  
sports  
at MHS since 1965

Mrs. Patricia Decker  
**Co-Chairman, Home**  
**Economics**  
BA—CSU, Fresno  
member, Home  
Economics Assn.  
enjoys cooking, traveling  
at MHS since 1978

Mr. Bobby Cole  
**Art and PE**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
enjoys playing basketball  
at MHS since 1975

Ms. Kris Domitrovich  
**PE, Health**  
BS—San Jose State U  
enjoys sports, travel  
at MHS since 1979

Mr. Russel Cosgrave  
**Chairman, Agriculture,**  
**and Science**  
MEd—UC Davis  
sponsor, FFA  
teaches ROP Welding  
at MHS since 1957

Mr. Warren Dunn  
**Electronics**  
MA—CSU, Chico  
industrial education  
taught at MHS 13 years,  
Beyer HS 8 years,  
returned to MHS in  
1981  
enjoys fishing, camping,  
computers

**Above:** During the Fall Faculty Rally, the Samurai Warrior, also known as Mr. John Whitaker, chases Mr. Jim Thrasher and Mr. Herb Poddig across the stage, while Miss Sherry King, Miss Addie Patton, and Miss Marilyn Todd enjoy the fun.





**Right:** While his students take a test, Mr. John McCaffery, the staff member who has been at MHS the longest (although I'm not the oldest, he hastens to add), catches up on his lesson plans.

**Mr. Patrick Durr**  
**English, ESL**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus advisor, MASA enjoys music, new sons at MHS since 1979, but taught here previously

**Mr. Harlan Elving Wood**  
MA—CSC, Chico sponsor, VICA union carpenter enjoys yard work, building furniture at MHS since 1962



**Mr. Riley Estabrook**  
**Migrant English Teacher**  
BA—North Texas State at MHS since 1978

**Mr. Manuel C. Gonsalves**  
**Government, American History**  
BA—UC Berkeley memb., Phi Beta Kappa, MTA Bd. of Dir., Coalition Center of the Disabled, Inc. president, Stanislaus Adult Blind Club enjoys gardening, reading, traveling at MHS since 1962

**Mr. Tyron Farley**  
**Resource Specialist**  
BA—CSU, Chico member, Chess Club enjoys bowling, chess at MHS since 1968

**Ms. Megan Gowans**  
**English**  
BA—UC Davis American studies GATE teacher, speech coach enjoys tennis, skiing new at MHS last spring

**Mr. Karl Finch**  
**Science**  
BS—Cal Poly, Pomona enjoys church activities and all sports at MHS since 1968

**Mr. Jose Ignacio Guerrero**  
**Spanish, PE**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus Bi-lingual credential coach, Cross Country, Soccer enjoys chess, jogging at MHS since 1979

**Ms. Sharon Fowler**  
**Language Lab, English**  
BA—UC Berkeley advisor, Senior Class at MHS since 1973

**Mr. William Han**  
**Special Education**  
BS—J. B. Stetson U member, MTA, CTA, NEA and CEC enjoys fishing, hunting, flying, skin diving at MHS since 1958

**Mr. Leroy Giovannoni**  
**Chairman, Art**  
MA—CSC, Stanislaus sponsor, School Service Art enjoys snow skiing, water skiing, scuba diving at MHS since 1957

**Mrs. Joanne Henry**  
**PE, Math, and Language Lab**  
BS—Bemidja Stat College of Minnesota enjoys gardening and macrame at MHS since 1967

**Mr. Edward Gonsalves**  
**Math**  
BS—U of San Francisco member, CTA State Council, CTA Advisory Panel on Insurance, a MTA Board of Directors at MHS since 1966

**Mrs. Denise Hewitt**  
**English and Math**  
BA—CSU, San Jose home economics, business winner, Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow award sponsor, Rally and Cheerleading enjoys cooking, sewing at MHS since 1981





## Mary Baker

by Jeff Bradley

Since coming to Modesto High in 1966, Mrs. Mary Baker has had a remarkable career. Mrs. Baker started her teaching career when she was 19 years old. For ten years in the state of Washington she taught high school English and Girls PE.

She graduated from Washington State College with a Master's Degree in English. Since her residence in California, she has added many units from Berkeley and Stanislaus State College.

Mrs. Baker is currently teaching basic and intermediate English classes, along with a college prep class, Masterpieces of Literature, which is reserved for seniors.



Playing cards is one of Mrs. Baker's favorite recreations. She especially enjoys bridge, poker and rummy, but she'll play almost any kind of card game. Her hobbies are reading, dancing, playing the piano, visiting with friends, and above all, golf. She has been a member of the faculty golf team for fifteen years. She refuses to disclose her handicap, but boasts of once shooting an 81 in her younger years.

While Mrs. Baker was in Washington, she played softball on a champion wonder's team that

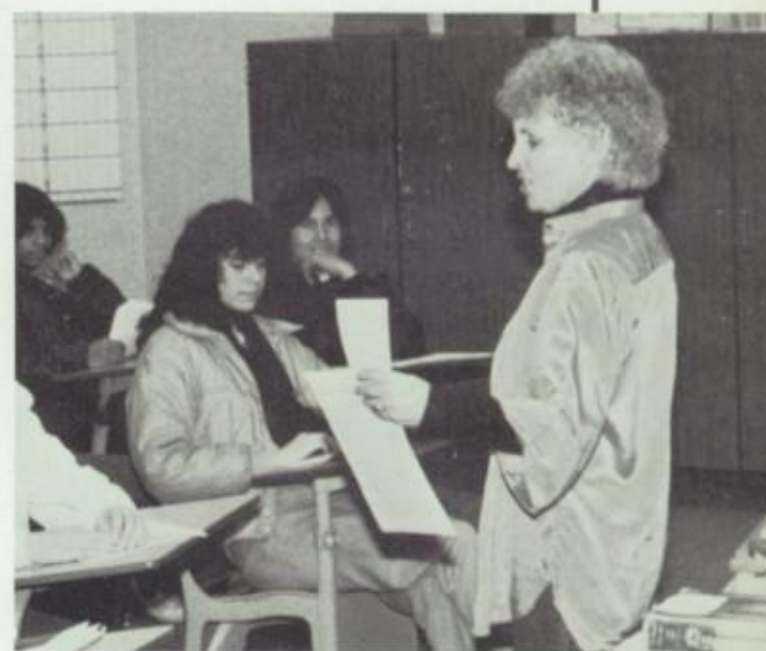


won two state tournaments. Her position was second base. "I couldn't hit real well, but I could run fast, so the coach, who was my husband, taught me how to bunt and sacrifice," recalls Mrs. Baker with a laugh.

Mrs. Baker has two daughters, Bonnie and Mollie. Bonnie is a teacher at Downey and Mollie works with the handicapped in St. Helena, California.

When she retires this summer, she wants to do a lot of traveling and being with her family. Her plans include Vermont in the fall, New York, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, Georgia. Tahoe beckons, too.

"I've always loved being a part of MHS," says Mary Baker. "It makes me sad when I think of leaving these halls of ivy, the faculty, the staff, and most of all, the students. I am sure I have learned more from them than they have from me."



Upper Left: Known for her creativity in the classroom, Mrs. Mary Baker "acts out" an idea to her Masterpieces class.

Above: English students Gabriel Gonzales, Manuel Chapa and Martina Vasquez listen attentively while Mrs. Baker explains a new assignment.

Mr. Arlen Holen  
**Science**  
MS—U of Utah  
member, CTA, NEA,  
MTA  
sponsor, Science Club  
enjoys hiking, jogging,  
bicycling, fishing  
at MHS since 1979, but  
taught here previously

Mrs. Diana Holtz  
**Co-Chairman, Home  
Economics**  
BA—CSC, Sacramento  
sponsor, S Club  
at MHS since 1971



Mr. Loren Horton  
**History**  
MA—U of Redlands  
enjoys music and cooking  
at MHS since 1957

Mr. Leonard Kaiser  
**Driver Ed and Athletic  
Director**  
BA—Nebraska State  
enjoys sports  
at MHS since 1961

Mrs. Judy Jones  
**Data Processing**  
BS—CSU, Fresno  
business  
enjoys crocheting, music,  
sports  
new at MHS this year

Mr. James V. Kenyon  
**English**  
MA—U of Oregon  
advisor, Junior Class  
GATE teacher  
enjoys duplicate bridge  
at MHS since 1964



Panther Pride is strong among the students, faculty members, and all those who take part in MHS life. I too am proud to be a Panther! —Becky Ramirez





## Megan Gowans

by Jason Manar

**M**egan Gowans, a graduate of Downey High, has been a teacher at MHS for the past year and a half. Ms. Gowans graduated from the Davis campus of the University of California, majoring in American history and American literature. Because of this combined major, Ms. Gowans has met the qualifications to teach both English and social science classes.

Before graduating from Downey in 1974, Ms. Gowans spent one summer attending school in Durham, England. She also chaperoned two student groups to Europe while attending UC Davis.

Ms. Gowans has taught numerous subjects at a several different schools since coming to teach in Modesto. She started in 1978 at Mark Twain Junior High, teaching social science and English. She moved to Davis High a year later and began teaching advanced English classes. In 1981, she moved to La Loma Junior High and taught the same subjects as she had in her previous positions.

The big change came when, in March of 1982, Ms. Gowans started teaching students at Modesto High School. She teaches a variety of classes, including freshman English, language lab, and advanced English.

She is also teaching the speech class, and coaching the speech team. Under Ms. Gowans' guidance, the speech team got off to a slow start, but once she became accustomed to the coaching routine, the team had an exemplary year.

Outside of school Ms. Gowans does a number of things to keep busy. Running almost every day, she accumulates from thirty to thirty-six miles a week. She also does volunteer work at Family Planning Associates. This work includes medical assisting and counseling. Although she leads a very active life, Ms. Gowans finds time for each of her activities, and does her very best at every one.

"It's just great being able to work with the students at MHS," said Ms. Gowans. "I'm thrilled to be a part of the teaching staff during the Centennial Year."



Left: Early in the fall, Ms. Megan Gowans talks to reporter Linda Laird from Chanel 13 about her involvement with the GATE program.

Above: Ms. Gowans rises to explain debate procedures to her speech class.



**Miss Dolores Killam**  
**Co-Chairman, Physical Education**  
BA—CSU, Sacramento  
sponsor, Ski Club  
coach, tennis teams  
member, Booster Club  
enjoys woodworking, tennis, skiing  
at MHS since 1953



**Mr. Mike Kiyoi**  
**Business**  
BS—CSU, Fresno  
coach, football, wrestling,  
track  
at MHS since 1971



**Mr. Vincent Lane**  
**Math, Business**  
BA—CSU, Sacramento  
enjoys golf, jogging  
at MHS since 1965



**Mrs. Carolyn Leathers**  
**Gymnastics, Language Lab**  
BA—UC Berkeley  
enjoys camping, softball,  
reading  
at MHS since 1975



**Mr. Marvin Lundquist**  
**World Geography**  
BA—Western Washington  
State College  
advisor, Freshman Class  
enjoys hiking, reading,  
music, book collecting  
at MHS since 1962



**Mr. John McCaffery**  
**Business**  
BS—U of San Francisco  
enjoys handball, tennis,  
racketball, volleyball,  
hiking, and biking  
at MHS since 1951



Mr. Wayne McGhee  
**World Geography and PE**  
BA—CSU, Fresno  
physical education  
coach, varsity basketball  
played 4 years minor  
league baseball (Red Sox  
and Cards)  
enjoys sports, gardening,  
family  
new at MHS last year

Mr. Loren Nyman  
**Agriculture**  
BS—CSU, Fresno  
sponsor, FFA  
at MHS since 1968

Butch Mendonca  
**Math, PE**  
BA—Humboldt State  
member, CTA, AFCA  
head coach, varsity  
football  
enjoys golf and water  
skiing  
at MHS since 1979

Ms. Roxanna O'Brien  
**Science and Math**  
MA—UC Davis  
scorekeeper for girls  
basketball  
enjoys science, physical  
fitness  
new at MHS this year

Mr. John Miller  
**Social Science and Athletics**  
BA—Adrian College  
MA—Eastern Michigan U  
coach, wrestling,  
soph football  
enjoys camping, travel,  
fishing  
at MHS since 1971

Ms. Margie Odell  
**Job Development Counselor**  
AA—Ohlone JC,  
Freemont  
member, American Bus.  
Woman's Club  
enjoys bowling, dancing,  
cooking  
new at MHS this year

Mrs. Julie Newburn  
**Resource Specialist**  
BA—CSU, Chico  
MA—U of La Verne  
enjoys skiing, needlework,  
traveling  
new at MHS last year

Mr. Rick Paderas  
**Orchestra**  
BM—UOP  
member, CODA, CMEA  
enjoys fishing, bowling,  
photography  
at MHS since 1976

Below: Mr. Marty Boer demonstrates the manual dexterity test to his Career Planning class.

Bottom: During their break, Mr. Vince Lane, Mr. John Miller, and Mr. Marve Lundquist compare notes on how their classes are going.



Mr. M. H. Peterson  
**Special Education**  
BA—Concordia College  
at MHS since 1973

Mr. Herb Poddig  
**Co-Chairman, Physical Education**  
AB—UC Berkeley  
coach, golf team  
at MHS since 1957

Mr. Tony Pruitt  
**English, Newspaper Broadcast**  
BA—San Francisco State  
member, CATE, NCTE  
advisor, Senior Class,  
at MHS since 1979, but  
taught here previously

Dr. David Rancano  
**English, Social Science, Spanish**  
LD—U of Havana, Cuba  
sponsor, Spanish Club  
past president, Hispanic  
American Society  
at MHS since 1971

Mrs. Judy Remmers  
**Chairman, Foreign Language; French, Clothing**  
BA—Gustavus Adolphus  
College  
sponsor, French Club  
at MHS since 1967

Mr. Willard M. Ripley  
**Auto Mechanics**  
BA—CSU, Fresno  
District VICA Advisor  
enjoys water and snow  
skiing, old car collecting  
at MHS since 1972



**Below:** At a Winter Rally, Varsity Basketball Coach Wayne McGhee turns to answer a question.



**Above:** Chemistry teacher Arlen Holen explains proper lab technique to Aaron Lucero and Anthony Presto.

Mr. Gary Runsten  
**Chairman, Music**  
MM—U of Michigan  
District Music Chairman  
sponsor, Pep Band  
at MHS since 1971



Mr. James Shuman  
**Photojournalism, English, Yearbook**  
MA—CSC, Stanislaus  
sponsor, **Sycamore** and  
Art Club  
enjoys art, gardening,  
writing poetry  
at MHS since 1966

Mr. James Thrasher  
**Resource Specialist**  
BA—Wittenburg U  
coach, soph basketball,  
frosh baseball  
advisor, BSU  
enjoys basketball, softball,  
movies, music  
at MHS since 1981

Mr. John C. Sample  
**Chairman, Social Science; Am. Hist.**  
BS—U of Wisconsin,  
Superior  
member, Phi Delta Kappa  
assistant announcer, foot-  
ball & baseball  
enjoys photography  
MHS chairman, PTA  
honorary member, FFA  
at MHS since 1954



Mrs. Maridale Smith  
**German**  
BA—UC Berkeley  
sponsor, German Club,  
AFS  
at MHS since 1977, but  
also taught here  
previously

Mr. Paul F. Tischer  
**English, Drama**  
MA—CSC, Stanislaus  
enjoys camping, skiing,  
traveling  
director, Modesto Assn.  
of the Perform. Arts  
at MHS since 1965

Mr. Odell Scott  
**Chairman, Science**  
MS—Brigham Young U  
and Arizona State U  
member, LDS (Mormon)  
Church  
sponsor, Science Club  
at MHS since 1957



Mr. Ron Smith  
**Math, PE**  
BA—Westmont College  
coach, girls varsity basket-  
ball, assist. baseball  
enjoys computers, all  
sports  
new at MHS this year

Mr. Kenneth Tisdell  
**Math**  
BFA—U of Utah  
music and education  
plays music professionally,  
entire family are musi-  
cians  
at MHS since 1961

Mr. Vincent Sereno  
**Chairman, Industrial Ed; Graphic Arts**  
BA, MA—CSU, Fresno  
enjoys photography,  
fishing, travel, sports  
at MHS since 1961



Miss Joni Stroh  
**Math and English**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
member, Modesto Chi  
Alpha  
enjoys crafts projects  
new at MHS this year

Mr. Robert Welch  
**Reading LH/EH**  
MA—U of Iowa  
past president, Phi Delta  
Kappa 1068  
at MHS since 1968



Mrs. Bertha West  
English  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
enjoys reading, refinishing  
furniture, two children  
at MHS since 1975

Ms. Ila Westfall  
Chairman, Math  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
sponsor, Math Club  
enjoys photography,  
tennis  
at MHS since 1981



Mr. John Whitaker  
Government  
MA—Columbia U  
member, ACLU,  
Common Cause  
announcer for football  
games  
advisor, Senior Class  
at MHS since 1952

Mr. Kenneth Williams  
Co-Chairman, English;  
Journalism  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
co-author of 'Voices in  
Literature'  
district resource person for  
language arts develop-  
ment, K-12  
sponsor, Quill & Scroll  
at MHS since 1963

Mrs. Yvonne Wilson  
English  
AB—UC Berkeley  
AA—MJC  
an MHS grad—  
3-generation Panther!  
gymnastics judge  
enjoys sports  
at MHS since 1956

Mr. William Yard  
Metal Shop, Woodcraft  
BA—CSC, Chico  
coach, boys gymnastics  
enjoys photography,  
kayaking, windsurfing  
at MHS since 1968



## Pat Decker

by Debbie Bowling

"Involvement with children, giving them love and guidance is really fulfilling," said Mrs. Pat Decker, biology and survival foods teacher at MHS. Before coming to Modesto High in 1978 she taught at Beyer High School for six years. Pat and her husband Steve traveled and taught in Europe before settling down in Modesto. They have no children of their own, but recently Steve became involved in a program which has brought several children into their lives. In the past five years 2 youngsters have come to live in their home through the Creative Alternatives program.

Both Pat and Steve have enjoyed the children who have lived in their home. In 1979 they had a young girl living with them for eight months. Soon after she left a nine year old boy came to stay. They have been a family for four years since then, and both Steve and Pat have enjoyed caring for him like a son.



Above: During her third period cooking class, Mrs. Pat Decker writes out absence slips.

Upper Right: Stacy Hiler pays close attention to Mrs. Decker's explanation of why the ingredients must be combined in a certain way.



Traveling is a favorite for the Decker family. Pat, Steve and Larry (their son through the CA program) have traveled extensively through the United States, along with trips abroad. Larry, in the past year, has been involved with the youth group at the church where both Pat and Steve attend. During his spare time he keeps busy



with the youth group activities.

Pat and Steve will always have an open door for the children who come there to live, giving them all of the love and attention they need. Pat and Steve both agree by saying, "We want to see kids become more solid people, confident of themselves, knowing right from wrong and knowing who or what they believe in." Pat added, "All children need love, and providing it for them in the home is most important." Taking in two more children is their goal for the next ten years.

Mrs. Decker is happy to be a part of MHS. She is especially glad for the opportunity to work with high school students in an effort to help them develop their total personalities. "Working in the consumer awareness and survival foods classes is really enjoyable when you keep in mind that you are giving a child skills that he may use for the rest of his life," she observed.



I am proud to be a Panther, proud to be a part of the excitement, because year after year Modesto High just keeps on getting better! —Celia Garcia



Below: Cafeteria Manager Pat Hildreth, along with Esther Grossman, Kitty Corda and Helen Calabrese, takes a well-earned break at the end of another busy day.



Hazel Bates  
Chapter I Aide

Eddie Bolden  
Chapter I Aide

Mary Cabral  
Migrant Ed Aide

Irene Carranza  
Chapter I Aide



## Small service staff shows Panther Pride

by Lori Howell

The first arrivals of the MHS Service Staff often began their day at 5:30 am, and for many it wouldn't be over till mid-afternoon, sometimes not until 5:00 pm or even later.

The willing attitude of all these people, including clerks, librarians, aides, cooks, custodians, secretaries and bus drivers who are always out handling their various jobs, big and little, is what keeps MHS running smoothly.

Driving rowdy kids to and from Modesto High everyday could get very monotonous for the bus drivers who recite the same refrain time after time: "Keep your bodies inside; don't leave your candy wrappers on the bus!" Despite occasional problems, the relationship between students and drivers is a well respected one.

"Cinnamon roll and a milk, please," was an oft-repeated phrase heard by the cafeteria crew. Serving the hundreds of students at either break or lunch kept them busy and on their toes.

Laboring hard every day, the custodians and student helpers were responsible for endless clean-up tasks. Keeping the campus tidy and efficient was a job made more difficult for them by further reductions in staff, but even so, the custodians maintained all the essential services that kept Modesto High's campus looking great.

Instructional aides and secretaries continued to be a vital part of keeping the school running smoothly. Giving students extra help with studies of almost every nature, teacher's aides were greatly appreciated. Keeping the campus offices in order and the mountains of paperwork processed, the clerks and secretaries worked hard to prevent difficulties and help students solve their problems.

All service staff members contributed tremendously in assisting students every way they could. They set an excellent example of what togetherness, attitude, and Panther Pride is all about.



Phyllis Castleman  
English Department  
Secretary

Mary Davis  
School Secretary

Theresa Fechner  
Dean's Secretary

Albino Franco  
Migrant Ed Aide



Sharon Fujii  
Bookroom Clerk

Jess Garcia  
Campus Supervisor

Ruth Johnson  
Chapter I Clerk

Wendy Lanphear  
Library Clerk

Leanne Gordon  
Campus Supervisor

Diane Hansen  
Chapter I Aide

Elaine Hoover  
Bookkeeper

Antoinette Jackson  
Special Ed Aide



Sheryl Lobello  
Typist Clerke

Debbie Masley  
Special Ed Aide

Marcy Matson  
Principal's Secretary

Gloria McCoy  
Counseling Office  
Secretary

Left: "Narcs" Leanne Gordon and Jess Garcia, more correctly called campus supervisors, discuss what probelms they have encountered during the day.

Upper Left: Bus driver Joe Ibarra prepares to greet the many students waiting to go home after a long school day.

Upper Right: School secretary Mary Davis tries to find ways to shorten her work load.

Above: Groundsmen Jim Stanton and Paul Van Houten make their clean-up rounds after another busy day.



Below, Bus Drivers, front row: Joe Silva, Millie Copp, Joe Ibarra, Lee Shelton. back row: Ray Huckabay, Frank Morris, Nadine Phipps, Rosalind Pickett, Greg Bates.



Therese McHale  
Special Ed Aide

Beverly Miller  
Attendance Clerk

Addie McManus  
Chapter I Aide

Christine Moffitt  
Special Ed Aide



Upper Center, Cafeteria Staff, front row: Gloria Yorston, Linda Sharp, Annie Borrelli, Mary Carpenter, Catherine Corda, Lena Walker. back row: Polly Morrison, Lupe Pulida, Wanda Skaggs, Thelma Casey, Barbara Zalaco, Esther Grossman, Patsy Hildreth, Kathryn Avants, Patricia Bowman, Rachel

Jobe, Helen Calabrese, Dorothy Trammell. Above, Custodial Staff, front row: James Brown, Mark Fletcher, James Banks, Ricardo Gaczon. second row: Bill Fox, Mel Sprinkle, George Rivas. back row: Gary Tugman, Jim Stanton, Leon Imbert, Kim Mason, Paul Van Houten.

Sandy Orique  
Special Ed Aide

Lucille Paul  
Records Clerk

Kathy Overgaard  
School Receptionist

Janet Pettigrew  
Computer Clerk





Jean Redlew  
Migrant Ed Aide

Christine Saunders  
Special Ed Aide

Carmen Rodriguez  
Chapter I Aide

Carol Sims  
Truancy Clerk



## Elaine Hoover

by Philip Henry

**B**ookkeeper Elaine Hoover has been an important part of the MHS staff since the second day of school in September, 1973. Originally coming to Modesto High as a substitute for three weeks, Mrs. Hoover decided to prolong her stay, and has been here ever since.

Before coming to MHS, Mrs. Hoover was a bookkeeper in the Yosemite Junior College and Chatom Union School Districts. Being a Roosevelt Jr. High, Modesto High, and Modesto Junior College graduate, she feels her education in business paid off for her abundantly.

As bookkeeper for MHS, Mrs. Hoover keeps track of all the income and expenditures for all of the MHS departments and offices. She also keeps books for all of the student body organizations, along with a few separate accounts such as Industrial Education and FFA. To go along with all of the bookkeeping, Mrs. Hoover manages all records on insured students, pro-



cesses accident reports and claims, plus takes care of whatever problems that occur in purchasing supplies and equipment.

During her spare time, before working full time for the school system, Mrs. Hoover decorated homes for several contractors who showed open houses for sale.

After ten years of hard work, Elaine Hoover says she will retire at the end of the 1983 year. "It will be very difficult to leave; the people here are so friendly and cooperative," she commented. "I plan to get lost for a while after I retire," she added. Going back to



working in her garden, canning foods, and redecorating her house are just a few activities on her list. If possible, she would like to get involved with a singing group that performs for people in rest homes. She feels the elderly are too often forgotten. Mrs. Hoover's years of hard work will long be remembered by the MHS faculty and student body, and regarded as an example of outstanding dedication.



**Above:** Bookkeeper Mrs. Elaine Hoover checks and double checks to be sure the proper amount is deposited into the proper account.

**Upper Right:** Mrs. Hoover counts the money that came in from a recent candy sale, so that it may be credited to the club's account.

Sheila Smith  
Chapter I Aide

Beve Streeter  
Career Center  
Assistant

Ursula Spafford  
Chapter I Aide

Marilyn Todd  
Chapter I Aide

*In coming to Modesto High I've encountered great excitement, discovery, and a great amount of spirit.*

—Esteban Martinez





Right: During a basketball rally, senior class members Randy Dill, Brian Nevitt, Marcos Madrid, Frank Cardoso, Christine Dhanis, Ozzie Toste, Jerry Dias, Valarie Stafford, Beth Moore, Rhonda Howser, Debbie Denlinger, Ste' Bryant, Erin Wray, Gabriel Pacheco, Chris Mihelis, Carmen Ramirez, Maria Dominguez, Dave Hodges and John Hallford show their spirit for the Pep-O-Meter.  
Below: During lunch Hector Lara looks at pictures of a recent assembly.



Above: Debbie Denlinger listens to Becky Petty's explanation of senior announcements.  
Upper Center: Using their break time wisely, Phyllis Mercer, Dalinda Angelo and Joanne Potts finish their homework.  
Right: At a senior class meeting, Arnie Corbin, Jackie Langerman, Nirmala Ram, Linda Gunter, Debbie Keeton, Veronica Vasquez, Leanda Gunter, Penny Grace, Sheryl Hardenbrook, Rena Barnhill, Erin Wray, David Hodges and Kim Haaburg listen to plans for the senior trip.





## Class of '83 Closes Century of Significance

by Sean Wani

**W**ith combined feelings of excitement and apathy the Class of 1983, after four years of fun and education, came to its dignified conclusion. With this challenge, seniors were now ready to start a new life on their own: whether getting married, beginning a career, or going on to college, the insights they gathered as they understood their place in the history of MHS and focused on the future made them realize that their responsibilities were becoming greater than they had ever been before. Mid-term graduates, students with concurrent schedules at Modesto Junior College, and those with full- or part-time jobs all began even earlier to understand what life is like after high school.

Being a Century Year graduate was a novelty that pleased and puzzled seniors throughout the year. They were happy at the unique distinction that was theirs, yet unsure of how to capitalize on an event over which they had no control.

One of the major problems facing the 1983 graduating class was financial hardship. With unemployment soaring and inflation still high, the impact of the recession resulted in fewer jobs for many seniors. This came at a time when seniors faced

the responsibility of paying extra costs pertinent to their graduating year— class rings, senior portraits, announcements, cap and gown orders, SAT test fees, college application fees, and even a final copy of the *Sycamore*, needed to preserve the Panther Heritage of their final year of high school life.

For senior class officers, their final year was one of enjoyment and happiness, as they contributed the final year of a Century of Significance. Not only did more than the usual number of students take interest, but senior class meetings were almost jam-packed at every gathering. Senior Representative Doreen Jenkins stated, "This year has been the best for our class. With more people coming to the meetings and getting involved, we got so much more accomplished."

Planning for the senior parade float, senior trip and senior dinner were just a few of the many items that were discussed through the meetings. The cost of the trip to Disneyland was set at \$55, with a \$25 non-refundable deposit due in January. Those who faced problems raising the money could earn credit toward the cost of the trip by selling placemat ads for the senior dinner which was a success, as usual.



Above, senior class advisors: Tony Pruitt, Sharon Fowler, John Whitaker.

Left, senior class officers: Kim Haaburg, secretary; Doreen Jenkins, rep; David Snyder, president; Becky Petty, vice president; Marlaine Magnus, treasurer.

Second Left: Long-time friends Joe Mendonza and Bruno Spani finish their lunch checking out the courtyard scene.

Upper Left: Senior class advisor John Whitaker explains placemat advertisements for the senior dinner-dance while fellow advisor Sharon Fowler and seniors listen to his explanation.



# Hall of Fame Honors Academic Excellence

by Susie Beckwith

Constantly studying, attending every class without fail, and having an all-around devotion to school were the necessary ingredients in achieving outstanding GPA's. These are all characteristics of the senior students with a steady seat on the honor roll for eight strenuous semesters. One member of the class '83, Marilyn Wolf, achieved a perfect GPA.

During their high school careers, these students gave up time from their social lives and extra-curricular activities for many hours of studying and preparing for challenging exams. By the end of their senior year, all of this work paid off in scholarships and awards, ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, for these college-bound students. Many students received grants, while others won scholar-

ships from such organizations as the Elk's Club and Bank of America.

With their high school careers at an end, these bright young people will journey off to various academic institutions. These will range from far away, out-of-state colleges to ones within the University of California or the California State College system. Most, however, will begin their higher education at Modesto Junior College.

These top 15 students showed that Modesto High is a great place to further academic achievement and produce outstanding citizens that will continue to better our community.



Above and Right: Carmen Ramirez, Patricia Trujillo, Juliet Costa, Dalinda Angelo, Joanne Potts and Pam McClure examine portraits at The Studio while waiting for their pictures to be taken.



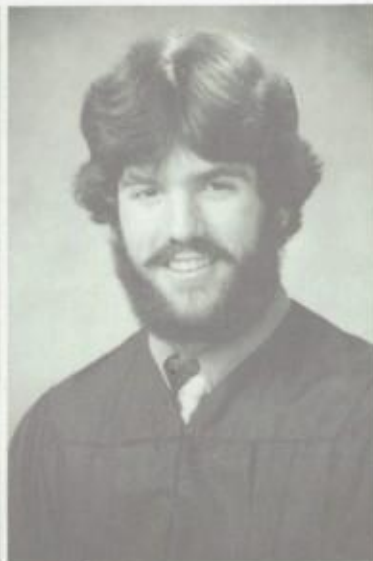
Marilyn Wolf 4.000	Doreen Jenkins 3.865
Julie Westwood 3.789	Jeremy Shuman 3.767



Pam McClure  
3.619



Sandi Grover  
3.583



Bruno Spani  
3.571



Jane Corrales  
3.692  
Dalinda Angelo  
3.568



Dennis Wend  
3.636  
Juliet Costa  
3.550



Patricia Trujillo  
3.811  
Carmen Ramirez  
3.757



Joanne Potts  
3.632  
Marvin Davis  
3.514



## Dennis Wend

by Sabrina Farris

To be an outstanding academic student, active in extracurricular activities, and also excel in almost every sport in which one participates is quite an achievement for any high school student. For Dennis Wend, hard work and consistent dedication contributed to his success at all three activities throughout his high school career.

As a freshman at MHS, Dennis quickly found himself involved in many activities, especially sports. As an all-around athlete, he played basketball, football, and baseball during all four years of high school, easily earning his Block M when he was a sophomore.



During every football season while in high school, Dennis held down the quarterback position. As a freshman, he played sophomore

basketball and baseball, and as a sophomore he advanced to the varsity team in baseball. "I like basketball the best," said Dennis. "It's a game of teamwork and strict dedication that almost always brings fast action."

Dennis was a pitcher-outfielder on the league-champion 1982 Varsity Baseball Team, and has earned for himself four slots in the MHS single-season record books, including the most runs and the lowest ERA.

In his last year at Modesto High, Dennis, playing guard, contributed to the Varsity Basketball Team's 20-game winning streak

that led to the Northern California Championship play-offs. In recognition of his efforts and victories, Dennis was chosen Outstanding Prep Athlete of the Year at the annual SOS banquet held on February 10.

Dennis thanks his parents and coaches for their support throughout the years, starting when he was seven, when he received his first award in Rookie League baseball.

Although sports play a major role in his life, he's no slouch as an academic student, either. Maintaining a 3.6 GPA throughout high school took countless hours of study time. Despite his heavy athletic schedule, Dennis always managed to organize his time to keep his academic progress running smoothly.

In the future Dennis plans to attend MJC and then transfer to a good four-year college. He hopes to pursue a baseball career as far as possible, while majoring in physical therapy. Either way, he'll be working with people, which is what he likes best.



Left: Dennis Wend proudly displays some of his 65 trophies and plaques received from various sports activities.

Below: As varsity quarterback for two consecutive years, Dennis makes another successful touchdown attempt.

Lower Left: Playing his favorite sport, Dennis steps in for a good hit.





David Absher  
Maribel Alberto



Jeri Adkins  
Chris Aldana



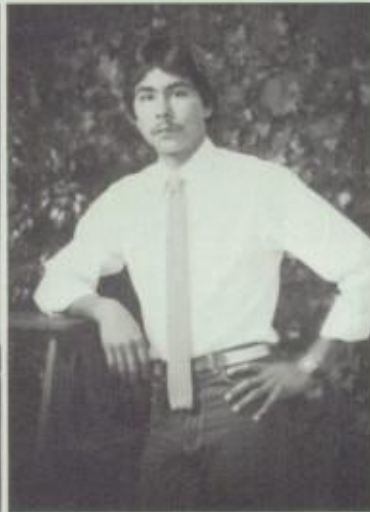
Scott Adkins  
Tony Angel



Jessica Aguilar  
Dalinda Angelo



Denise Aguirre  
Bo Annvik



Angie Arebalo  
Janet Ball

Anna Arrizon  
Gregory Barnes

Alma Astorga  
Rena Barnhill

Ruben Astorga  
Troy Barnhill

Virgil Augsburg  
Oscar Bland



Porfirio Aguirre  
Gary Archer



Maria Avalos  
Craig Boday

## 4 Years at End for Class of '83

by Jeff Bradley  
and Debbie Bowling

The year was 1979, and entering Modesto High for the first time, members of the Class of '83 felt an insignificant part of Panther life. With the school in a turmoil, leading to the teachers' strike in March, the freshmen had their doubts about Modesto High. As the year progressed, however, the freshmen became more at ease with themselves and the upperclassmen.

During their second year as high school students lack of participation prevailed and organizing was dif-

ficult. Due to the prevailing problems, for the first time in many years the Sophomore Class was unable to host the traditional "Hearts and Lace" Dance in February. They began to look, instead, toward the prom they would sponsor as juniors. As sophomores, however, many members of the Class of '83 emerged as leaders in sports, academics, and other extra curricular activities.

Coming back from the summer as juniors, the Class of '83 felt the excitement and pride to finally be upperclassmen. Holding the

traditional fundraisers such as car washes, and bake sales, involved students strove to reach the goal they needed to put on a successful Prom. Even though participation in organizing the Prom was minimal, those who did help worked hard up to the selected day, May 15, at Holiday Inn. As planned, the Juniors managed to pay the traditional tribute to the Seniors of 1982 by producing a successful and memorable Prom, with the theme "Through the Years."

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Left: At break, Steve Bryant ponders the day's activities.

Second Left: Joe Mendonza, David Absher, David Zehnder, Marcos Madrid, Gary Coonce and John Van Oostende compete for the Pep-O-Meter.

Upper Left: Kim Johnson and Phil Cearly check the Bee for facts while Melinda Simpson looks for the sports section.

Top: Janet Cost smiles at a friend as she gazes across the courtyard. Above: Jason Kanar, Jeremy Shuman and David Snyder begin an assignment in Masterpieces.



Janet Borba  
Debra Bowling



Randy Bowman  
Carol Boyd

## Senior Tradition: Look to Past

*Continued from page 189*

**R**eturning as seniors after two months of vacation, the Class of '83 felt a new sense of pride in having "made it." Yet for many, Senioritis struck early and deeply. Students began to wait for the weekend more and more as the year went by. Jobs and outside hobbies occupied a big part of their time. Those with half-day schedules cherished the thought of "getting away" early. Even those who held a full schedule often chose to drop involvement in activities from previous years and just "kick back." Few took advantage of the option to graduate early, most choosing to wait to receive their diplomas in June with their classmates.

Three consecutive years

of fundraising for innumerable activities and dances brought "blah" thoughts to many minds, yet seniors continued traditional money-raising efforts. The Class of '83 sold placemat ads for their annual Senior Dinner/Dance, held on April 15, with the proceeds going toward expenses for the Senior Trip to Disneyland, a long-time tradition for the MHS graduating class.

As a new activity, 15 girls and 15 boys attended a competition at Manteca Water Slide. "The Battle of the High School Seniors" was a day's worth of ac-

tivities for schools to compete against each other in hopes of winning prize money. Done strictly for fun, students from all area high schools tried their luck at volleyball, canoeing, rapid-racing and tug of war. Those who attended said it was a fun experience and a chance to be involved in one last big activity with other classmates.

As their last year came to an end, members of the Class of '83 looked into the future, either at careers, marriage, or advanced education. Senior Dalinda Angelo concluded, "If I had to go through high school again, I wouldn't change a thing, especially choosing Modesto High to attend."



**Above:** In advanced biology, Jovita Madrigal checks her results with a fellow student.

**Upper Right:** After being named the Spring Varsity Attendant, Felipe Ybarra makes his way to the floor to receive his crown.

**Right:** Drum Major Joanne Potts conducts the MHS Marching Band with confidence.

**Center Right:** Varsity Football players Troy McCutcheon, Jerry Dias, and David Absher wait to receive their awards at the Sports Banquet.

**Lower Right:** Two very crazy seniors, "spacey" Loretta Petty and "flasher" Marlaine Magnus, walk across campus amid laughter.





Rick Boyd  
Steve Bryant

Jeff Bradley  
Brenda Burgoin

Victorina Brambila  
Valerie Butler

Bryan Brooks  
Guy Caldwell

Juanita Garza Brunetti  
Karen Campbell



Monique Cannon  
Bruce Chancellor

Fidella Cano  
Debbie Charron

Frank Cardoso  
Marcella Chaves

Lucy Carrillo  
Raymond Chavez

Scott Carter  
Silvia Chavez



Being a Panther is really great this year. No other school can brag about being around for 100 years.  
—Connie Dias



Betina Christensen  
Jane Corrales



Gary Coonce  
Janet Costa



Arney Corbin  
Juliet Costa



Rodney Corgiat  
Karen Costa



Steve Cox  
Sherie Cuevas

Michelle Crabtree  
Brian Curtis

Jeff Creighton  
John Davies

Albert Crocker  
Marvin Davis



Above: With comb and scissors in hand, Anna Arrizon demonstrates how to feather someone's hair.

Upper Center: In her ROP class, Anna improves her hair cutting techniques with a customer.

Center Right: Anna rolls hair into a curler for a permanent.

Right: Helping a customer decide what kind of hair style would accent her face is an important part of Anna's schooling.



## Anna Arrizon

by Janica Emlg

Starting cosmetology in September, 1982, Anna Arrizon attends school until noon each day, then leaves for her ROP class at Adrien's Beauty Col-



lege, where she practices cosmetology until 4:30.

Anna likes to cut and style hair for people. She stated, "There will never be a time when hands will be replaced by machines or computers. The art of cutting hair will always exist." Not only does Anna learn techniques of cutting and styling hair, but she also is taught how to give manicures, pedicures, facials, and make-up applications.

When Anna first began, she trained in a classroom for ten weeks. During this time she practiced on a "dummy" giving permanents, shampoos, and trims, and then began practicing on the other students. After completing the required time, she was promoted to the floor to work with real people. Anna said, "At first it was kind of hard getting used to it, but after a while, it was great!"

In order for anyone to graduate from beauty college, 1600 "hand hours" (that is, the actual time spent working with customers) are required, plus a passing grade on a preparation exam for the State Board Exam, which takes two days in San Francisco.

Although the only pay Anna receives is customer tips, she has worked hard to get through the school and looks forward to completing the course soon. She says, "I waited four years to be accepted, and I'm not dropping out now."

Richard Dedrick  
Eric Denison



Ismael De la Rosa  
Debbie Denlinger



Christine Dhanis  
Joe Dias

Jerry Dias  
Lisa Dickson





## Juanita Green

by Connie Dias



**W**hat sport takes a strong sense of adventure, an even stronger sense of humor and not being afraid of getting dirty? How about mud wrestling!

Senior Juanita Green is a lady mud wrestler at the Cheyenne Social Club. She has worked there for several months, but usually only on weekends. When asked if she likes it, she laughs and launches into a discussion of one or another of the funny incidents which have happened to her.

Her uncle is the one who gave her the idea to do it. He had gone to the club and had seen the mud wrestling matches. "He told me that I should go into it but at the time I only laughed," recalls Juanita. Then she saw an ad in the paper asking for wrestlers, and she decided she'd give it a try.



**Above:** In a daytime practice session, Lady mudwrestler Juanita Green tries to drag her opponent down to the mud.

**Right:** Juanita tries to get her opponent off balance.

**Second Right:** Juanita (Magnum) gets him down!

**Upper Right:** And the winner is . . . Juanita Green!

She went in for an interview and was hired.

There are seven regular girl wrestlers. Each wrestles three or four times a night depending on the number of challenges from the audience. Matches consist of three two-minute rounds with a minute of rest in between.

The wrestling matches are held in a 6-foot square pit in the middle of the dance floor filled with 1½ inches of mud. The "mud" they use is actually a mixture of powderish clay, foam, water and baby powder. "What I hate about it is that it's hard to get the

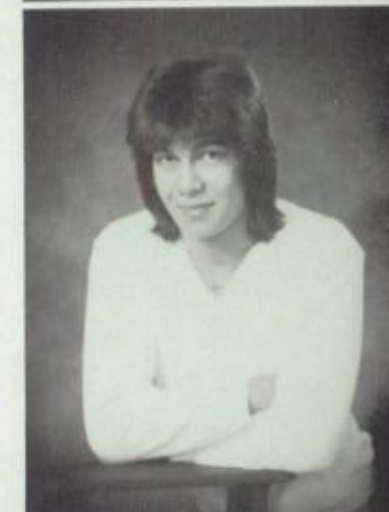
stuff out of your hair," commented Juanita.

The girls have to carry their own insurance and sign a waiver stating that the club is not responsible for their injuries. Although no one is supposed to get hurt, accidents sometimes do occur. Juanita had to wear a neckbrace for 2½ weeks because of the way she threw a 350 pound opponent.

Juanita hopes to continue wrestling because she really enjoys it. "I love it because it's so much fun. Especially my last match because it was a free-for-all and everyone got thrown in the pit," stated Juanita.



Randy Dill  
Gwen Elder



Alma Figueroa  
Mark Gacayan



Tony DiNapoli  
Butch Elinburg



Michael Dixon  
Janica Emig



Brenda Dodd  
Tammy Enney



Maria Dominguez  
Eli Espino



Laura Dunnihoo  
Richard Ferrell



Ronelle Foust  
Darin Gharat

Lydia Franco  
Rickey Gonzales

Kellie Freeman  
Sophia Gonzales

Terri Froman  
Doug Grace

James Fulton  
Penny Grace



I am proud to be a part of a traditionally Spirit-filled school.  
—Ron Dixon



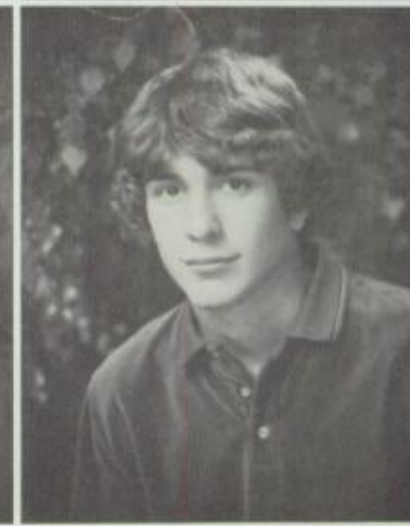
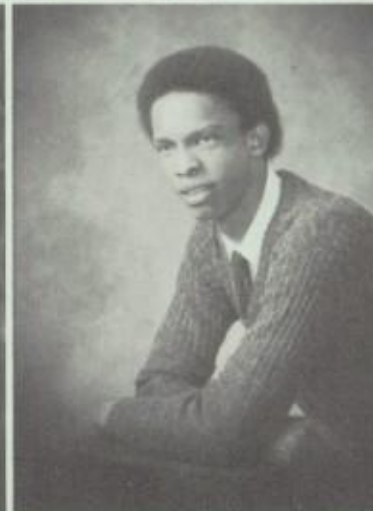
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Kim Haarberg

Diane Grove  
John Hallford

Sandi Grover  
Sheryl Hardenbrook

Leanda Gunter  
Sergio Harrison

Joe Gutierrez  
James Henry



Phillip Henry  
Craig Holley

Teresa Hernandez  
Jess Holmes

Eddie Hiatt  
Rhonda Howser

Jackie Hill  
Dawn Hudson

David Hodges  
Richard Imfeld





## Juliet Costa

by Stephanie Frazier



She has won prizes at all of these places; first place trophies consist of placques, rosettes, and belt buckles, as well as the traditional "loving cup."

After starting her membership with the California State Horseman's Association, Juliet began competing for points in the numerous valley parades, and eventually won the High Point Championship Belt Buckle, after eight long years of competition.

Juliet began riding horses when she was three, under the instruction of her uncle who has now been riding in

parades for over fifty years. She started showing in parades at the age of nine. "It was kinda scary at first, but now I really enjoy it," she said. Following each parade she attends an awards banquet at which the prizes are presented to those who won that day. Since 1978 she has won about 40 such awards.

Juliet explains that to compete you must pick a category in which to ride; she has chosen Fancy Dress Western. Competing against at least six other girls each time, Juliet tries to maintain a top appearance for her turn in front of the judges. Her mother makes her costumes all by hand. Each is made entirely from satin, with more than one thousand sequins sewn on.

Preparation for a show consists of training up to five hours each day, bathing her horse, and cleaning her tack. Juliet admits, "It's very hard work and sometimes you have to sacrifice a lot of time you would normally spend with family and friends, but it's all worth it when you see the crowds of smiling faces."



Upper Left: Smiling proudly, Juliet Costa displays the reward of her hard work.  
Above: About to begin another workout, Juliet leads her horse Penny to the arena.

Left: Returning from a ride, Juliet stops for a rest.  
Center Left: A few of the trophies she has won surround Juliet in her front room.

Gary Jacques  
Doreen Jenkins



Kim Johnson  
Jason Kanar





Debbie Keeton  
Rhonda Lackey



Bill Knowlden  
Barbara Lamance



Jackie Langerman  
Anthony Lee



Jennifer Laran  
Harrison Lee



## Gary Coonce

by Dalinda Angelo



According to senior Gary Coonce, baking is not restricted to women only. Many of the best bakers in the area are men, and he hopes someday to be one of them. Gary has been working at Old Tyme Pastries in Turlock for about a year and a half. Starting as a mere clean-up boy, Gary's hard work and ambition soon earned him a promotion to delivering cakes and pastries for wedding and parties. His reliability and efficiency impressed his boss, and Gary is presently making coffee cakes, danish pastries, and bread from scratch.

Gary works five days a week and has work experience 6th and 7th periods each school day. When asked how he felt about his job he replied, "It's pretty easy and I like it OK, but I really enjoy the money!!"

Gary says every day is practically the same for him, working from 1:30 to 6:00. His routine starts as soon as he gets there by mixing the dough so it has time to loosen up. While the dough is rising, he gets the

pans and tools set out and checks the other ingredients he will need. When the dough is ready, Gary cuts it into pieces and makes several different kinds of Danish from it (the recipes are, of course, secret).

After graduation Gary plans to work full time rather than attending college. His goal in life is to save enough money to eventually buy a ranch to raise cattle and horses.

Although Gary gets plenty of teasing about baking, he never lets it bother him because he feels that he's been able to get a better than usual start toward achieving his goals.







Second left: Gary Coonce wields a rolling pin like a pro.  
 Left: Gary watches the scale to make sure he has just the right amount of dough.  
 Upper Center: Gary cuts the dough into perfect 10-ounce pieces.  
 Upper Right: The dough is stored in a walk-in refrigerator.

Crystal Lindsay  
Tony Louis



Rockanna Long  
Jovita Madrigal



Francisco Lopez  
Luis Madrigal



Maria Lopez  
Marlaine Magnus



Alfredo Martinez  
Pam McClure

Joel Martinez  
Clint McCullough

John R. Martinez  
Troy McCutcheon

Sheri McClung  
Leah McDaniel



I'm proud to be a student at MHS because I'm a third generation Panther!  
 —Jacy Lee



Kelly McGregor  
Phyllis Mercer



Kevin McKenna  
Chris Mihelis



Jon McManis  
Tina Miles



Amy Mello  
Thomas Miller



Kyle Melson  
Kaelene Mitchell



Nathaniel Montez  
Aurora Navaro

Beth Moore  
Brian Nevitt

Carlos Morales  
Joyce Newman

Gina Moreno  
Shannon Nicholson

Patty Morgan  
Tamera Noffsinger



Joe Mendonza  
James Mitts  
Alanna Moses



## Foreign Exchange

by Debbie Bowling

Their first impression of Modesto High was all that they expected it to be, but learning the language was the hardest step in the fast paced life here in America. Soon, both Bo Annvik and Christine Dhanise became involved in many extra-curricular activities. Bo competed in soccer, finishing with a very good record. Back home in Sweden he is interested in soccer, skiing, golf, sailing, and spending time with his friends.

Christine, from Belgium, quickly involved herself in gymnastics, rally, and AFS. Both have made many

friends among the students and faculty during their stay in the US.

Bo and Christine found our school system different in many ways from those of Sweden and Belgium. In their schools there are few extra-curricular activities, and the respect for faculty and other students is much higher. They agree that classes are easier here and young people aren't as serious about their education. Education at a university is almost a necessity in order to make it in the job world in their countries.

Going out with friends is much the same in the US as in Sweden, but in Belgium it is very unlikely that friends will go out after football or basketball games.

Bo was sent to California

by his father who is the mayor in his home town in Sweden. An older sister who came to California two years ago thoroughly enjoyed her stay, causing Bo to decide to come too. He also has a younger brother and a twin brother, believe it or not. Bo plans to major in economics when he goes to a university.

Christine was sent to Modesto by her family with aid from AFS. Her mother and father run a farm in Belgium, along with her 15-year-old sister. Christine is undecided on her major; her choice is between computers and veterinary work. She says, "I will definitely miss the California fruits, ice cream, and American patriotism."

Both Bo and Christine enjoyed visiting many of the famous and beautiful sights of California. Bo wants to stay in San Diego and Christine would simply like to stay in California instead of going home. "We will miss everyone here at MHS after we leave," they agreed.



Left: Bo Annvik and teammate Carlos Peral move in on the ball at a soccer game.

Second Left: Christine Dhanise and Bo spend much of their time in the library.

Upper Left: Masterpieces teacher Mary Baker listens as Christine speaks to the class.

Upper Center: Bo works hard at the golf course.

Above: Christine executes a one-legged balance on the beam in gymnastics.



Fred Nomelli  
Bobby Norton



Sandra Ortega  
Alma Ortiz



## Student 'Cops'

by Jason Kanar

**M**any people participate in unusual activities. Some, however, seem stranger to high school students than others. Rena Barnhill is a Modesto Police Department Explorer Scout, and Greg Valdez is a Stanislaus County Sheriff Explorer. Despite the oddity of their choice, Rena and Greg consider it fun and exciting.

Rena has been an Explorer since the beginning of the 1981 school year. Her duties range from patrolling parades to going on actual calls with the officers. Rena has experienced the full

spectrum of police work by doing almost everything a regular police officer does. Her uniform is also the same except that she carries no gun, no night stick, and no mace.

Rena stated, "I always wanted to be a police officer. I felt that the explorers would enable me to get more knowledge about law enforcement and to see if it's what I really wanted."

Greg Valdez is also interested in law enforcement. Although he just started as a Sheriff Explorer in January, he's finding it very exciting. One thing Greg does that is different

from Rena's assignments is working in the County Jail, because the Sheriff's Department runs the jail. Greg's responsibilities include fingerprinting and photographing the prisoners that are ready for internment.

Greg also rides on patrol with deputies and carries out a deputy's responsibilities. He wears a standard deputy's uniform, but, as with Rena, he gets no gun, nightstick, or mace.

Greg likes everything about being a deputy and plans to be one somewhere in California in the future. He says, "It makes me feel pretty good when the criminals are put away."



Above: Rena Barnhill "writes up" Jason Kanar for "running" a red light.

Upper Right: After breaking a vehicle code, Joe Gallardo is "ticketed" by Rena.

Right: Greg Valdez exhibits the full uniform from the Sheriff's Department.

Right Center: Rena prepares to put the cuffs on "prisoner" Ron Dixon.

Lower Right: Greg explains the intricacies of police work to Sheryl Hardenbrook.





Bernita Ott  
LeeAnn Perry

Steve Patton  
Rebecca Petty

Paula Peeper  
Cynthia Pollard

Beatriz Peral  
Joanne Potts

Sandra Perez  
Victoria Quintana



Rosa Quintero  
Lisa Randolph

Norma Ram  
Diane Ranuio

Carmen Ramirez  
Gregg Reim

Christina Ramos  
Lisa Rhea

Susie Ramos  
Scott Ribeiro



Students have always played an important part of MHS life, for we all know that without them, there would be no MHS. I am proud to be a part of it all!  
—Sean Wani





## Marvin Davis

by Paula Peeper

Imagine the thrill of outdistancing your opponents in a race and winning First Prize. Now imagine that instead of running you are riding a bicycle. Marvin Davis, a 17 year old senior, started BMX racing when he was 13. Since then, he has won over 100 trophies and awards.

Marvin first considered racing when his cousin Roy Mims (who also competes), took him to watch a race. After that visit, Marvin became very enthused over the prospect of racing, and after his first race, it seemed no one could stop him.

"There is nothing like racing," states Marvin. "You know that the outcome of the competition depends upon your skill and physical endurance." Marvin's enthusiasm and



dedication to racing has already paid off. Twice Marvin was included in this District's UBR (United Bicycle Racing) and he was also chosen as one of the top 20 of the ABA (American Bicycle Association).

Marvin has three bikes that he uses for racing. One of the bicycles was provided for him when he raced for D & H Cycles—OTP. He

also has a bike that he uses to practice on, and a 16" bike that he races on occasion.

Not surprisingly, Marvin says that he gets the most from racing when he rides into the winner's circle, which is nice for anyone. "Receiving big trophies, many awards, and hearing my name ringing out over the loudspeaker," says Marvin, "will keep me racing as long I can."



Above: Marvin Davis and his favorite dirt bike see plenty of action.

Upper Center: Marvin is airborne as he jumps a small hill during a run.

Right: The key to winning a race is getting off to a good start; Marvin practices every chance he can get.

Second Right: Marvin shows off his many trophies received from BMX racing.



Michelle Riebe  
Donna Rowland  
Jeremy Shuman





Estela Rodriguez  
Brett Sather



Lisa Rodriguez  
Gordon Schoonover



Mike Rodriguez  
Robert Selvage



Vernon Roman  
Frederick Sharp



Steve Rosenow  
Caroline Shaw



Melinda Simpson  
Joey Stowers

David Snyder  
Jerry Taylor

Bruno Spani  
Vera Thomas

Debbie Sperry  
Connie Travao

Valerie Stafford  
Patricia Trujillo



It has been interesting to be so directly involved in  
all the excitement generated by the many Centen-  
nial activities.  
—Kathy Overgaard



Greg Valdez  
Veronica Vasquez



Shawn Valenzuela  
Sochenda Vath



Robert Van Klaveren  
Alma Vera



Regina Vanderburg  
Dave Verissimo



Mary Lou Vargas  
Hector Villapudua



Tommy Warren  
Clarence Willett

Dennis Wend  
Jeff Wilson

Mike Wenzel  
Lee Wise

Julie Westwood  
Marilyn Wolf

Debbie Whitworth  
Erin Wray





## Regina Vanderburg

by Rhonda Albright

**S**inging and playing the piano has been the favorite activity for Regina Vanderburg since long before she started high school. Regina loves to sing and perform in front of an audience, a quality that has been passed down from other family members. She has been singing all of her life, but starting performing only four years ago. Singing



at weddings, family reunions, and at church, Regina is always willing to "tune up her tonsils" and provide the musical entertainment for those around her.

Because of this wide range of backgrounds, Gina finds that she is becoming well acquainted with many different kinds of music, although she has her preferences. Gina stated, "My favorite music is country, but I do play contemporary music on the piano." And of course, her repertoire includes many sacred and romantic numbers. Regina has

studied piano for the past three years, but is not instructed by a teacher. She plays by ear, a rare quality that enables her to listen to a song and play it without reading from the sheet music. "Just pick up the wrist," she says, as if it should be that easy for everyone.

At school, Regina practices her talents up to an hour and a half each day. At home though, rehearsal is almost constant. Unlike most people, Regina loves to practice.

In the future, Regina plans to further her education in music at college. Her dream is to someday sing at the Grand Ole Opry. To achieve this, she must first fulfill her goal: to become a country music singer. Many of those who have heard her are confident that she will make it.

Rod Wyeth  
Felipe Ybarra  
David Zehnder



**Left:** During school practice, Regina Vanderburg concentrates on expanding her piano skills.

**Below:** Getting in some extra time, Regina spends her break at the keyboard.

**Lower Center:** While practicing her hand coordination, Regina learns a new song.

**Lower Left:** Regina practices her alto part in ensembles class.





# Outstanding Seniors Chosen by Faculty

by Connie Dias

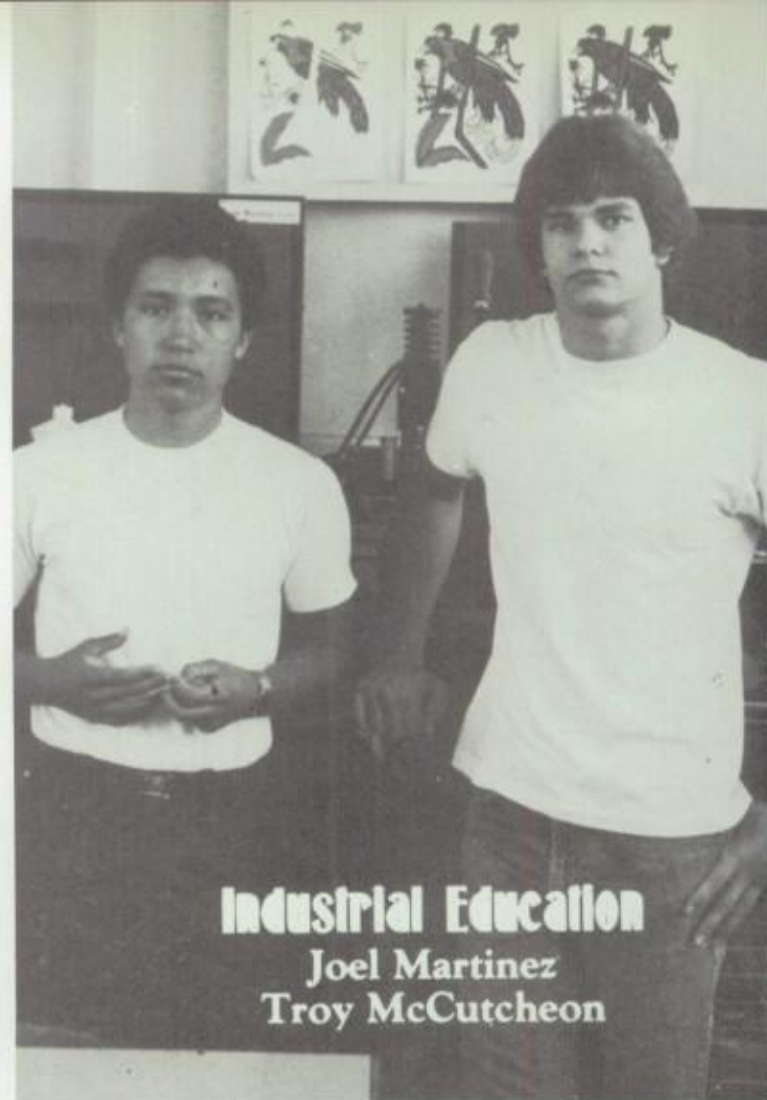
Being recognized as an outstanding student is a great honor for anyone. It is an even greater honor to be acknowledged as the most outstanding senior in a specific area of study. Those students who have continually shown their academic capabilities throughout their four years of high school are being recognized here.

They were selected by faculty members of each department in recognition for all the time and energy they spent completing projects and helping others with difficult assignments. Choosing only two students for each department was often an almost impossible task. Some faculty members felt that more than two students were deserving of recognition in their

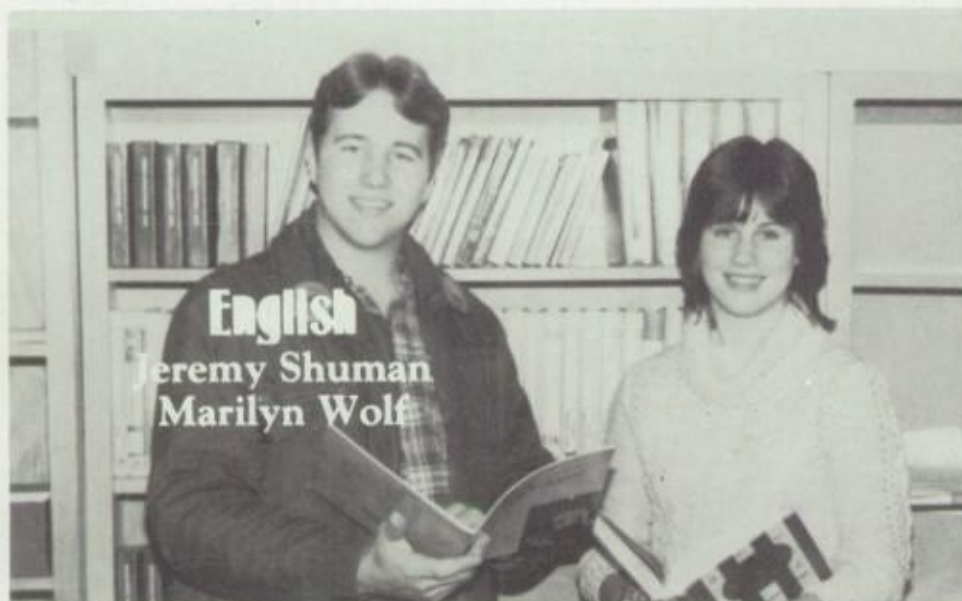
areas. In most cases, one boy and one girl were selected, although occasionally only one person was chosen.

To be part of this elite group of achievers was not easy, for many free-time hours were sacrificed. Even so, it was all worth it for many of the students wishing to pursue careers in the area of study for which they were chosen. These areas include not only academic studies but also the arts and vocational departments.

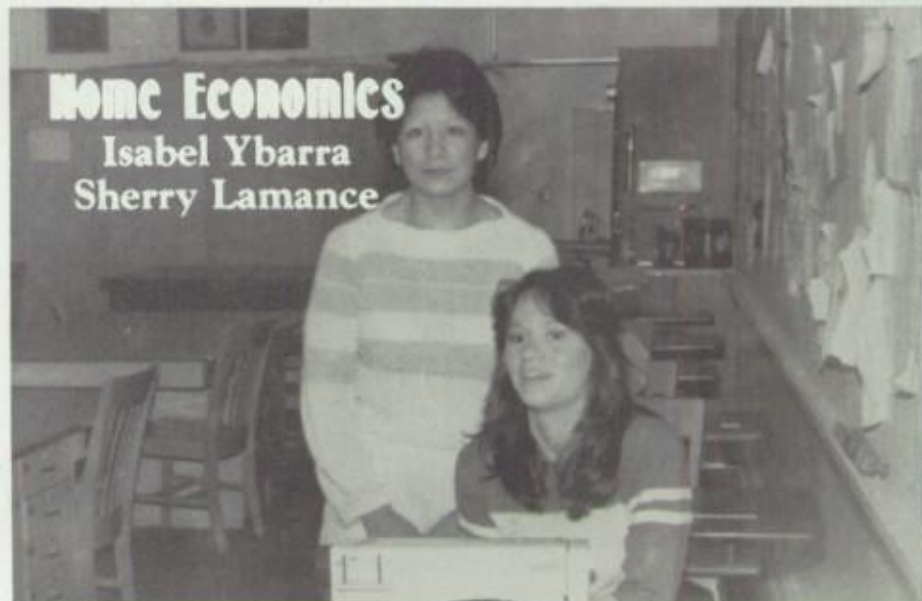
Seniors selected as outstanding in their department were examples to the underclassmen of what their goals for the future should be. For all their efforts and hard work the seniors pictured on these two pages are truly deserving of the title 1983 Sycamore Department Outstandings.



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Joel Martinez  
Troy McCutcheon



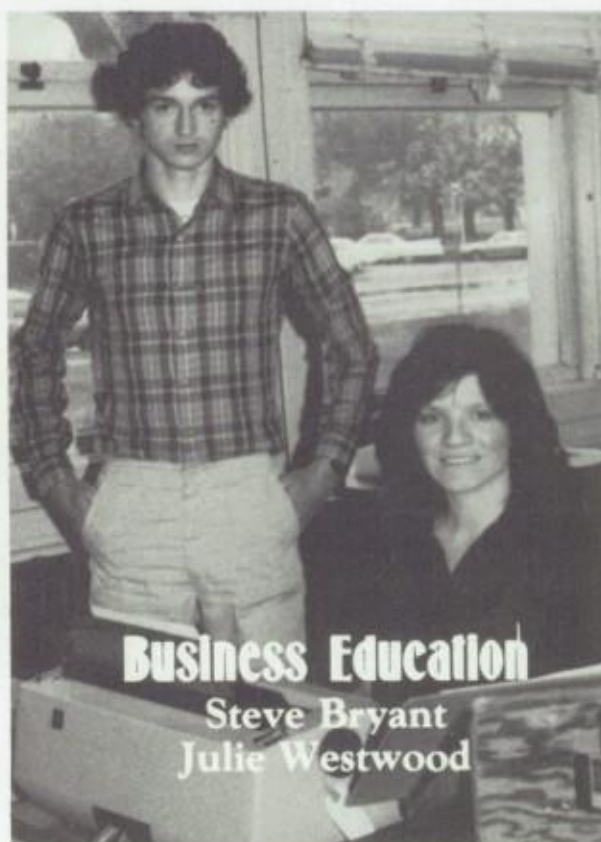
**English**  
Jeremy Shuman  
Marilyn Wolf



**Home Economics**  
Isabel Ybarra  
Sherry Lamance



**Speech**  
Jason Kanar

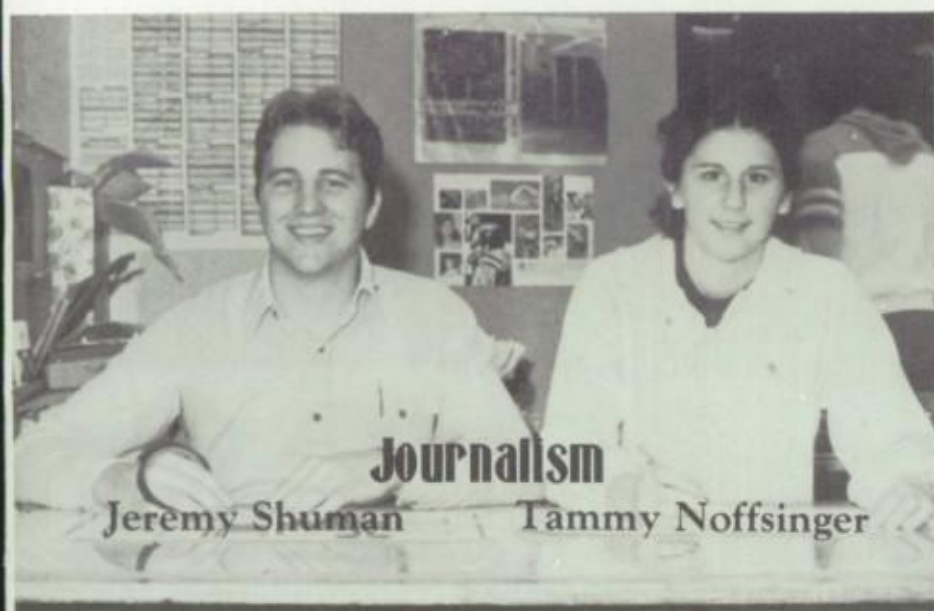


**Business Education**  
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Julie Westwood



**Agriculture**  
Val Butler  
Joe Mendonza

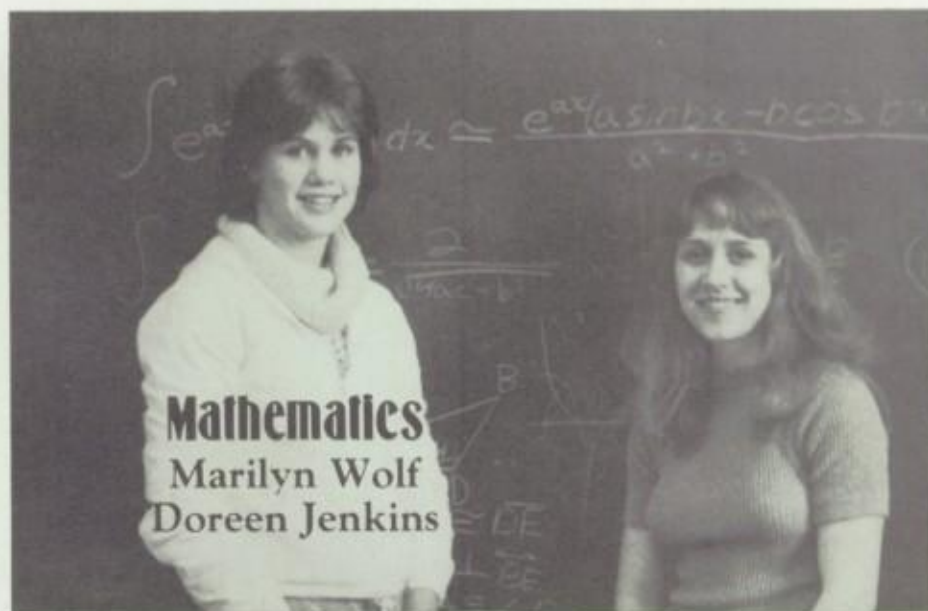




## Journalism

Jeremy Shuman

Tammy Noffsinger



## Mathematics

Marilyn Wolf

Doreen Jenkins



## Foreign Language

Patricia Trujillo

Jason Kanar



## Art

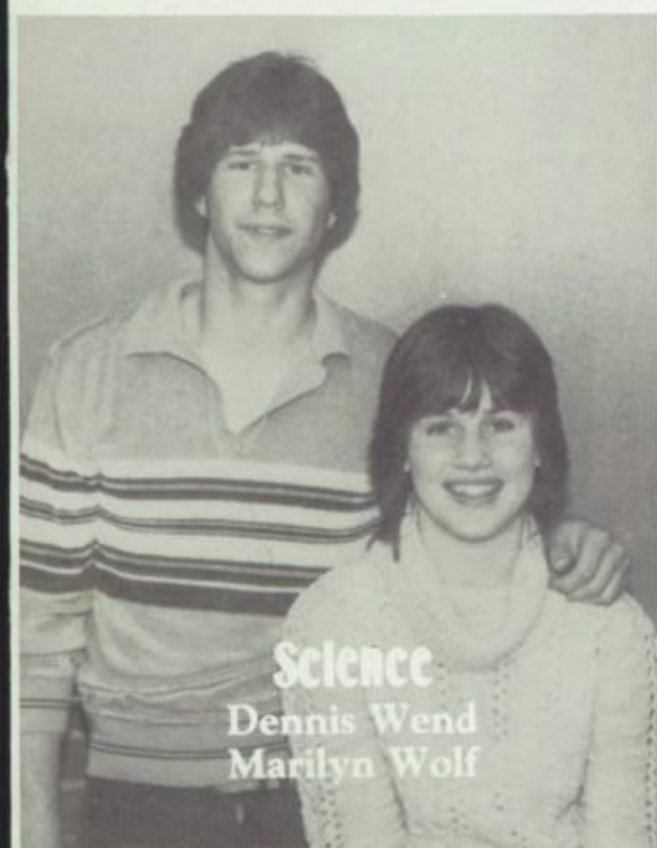
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## Music

Regina Vanderburg

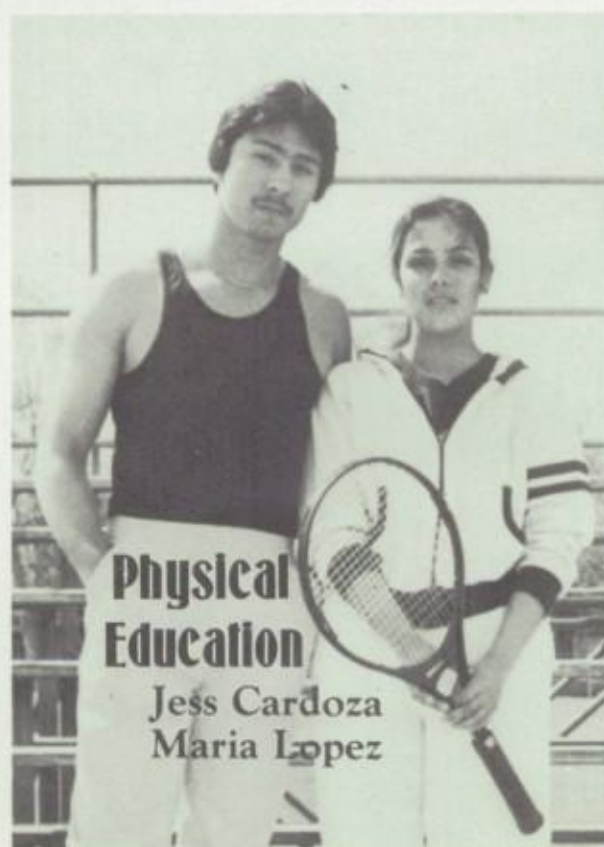
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Dennis Wend

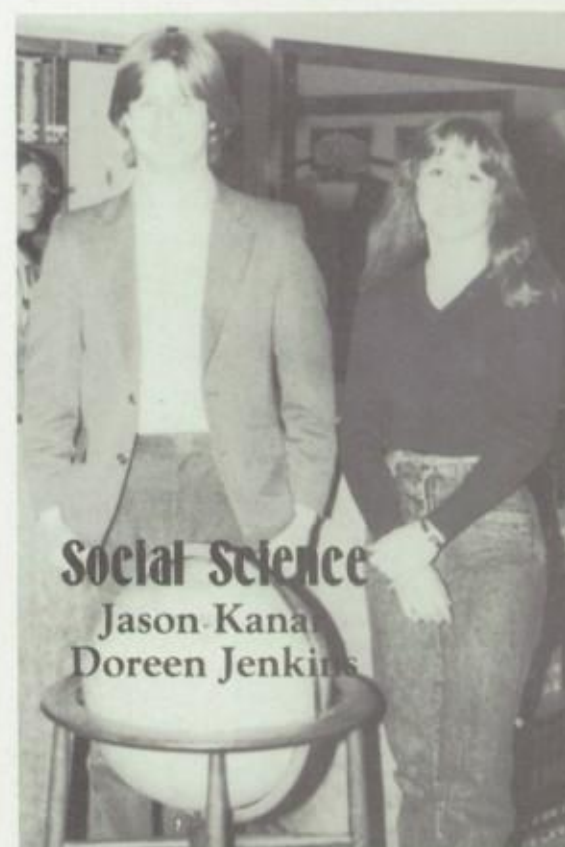
Marilyn Wolf



## Physical Education

Jess Cardoza

Maria Lopez



## Social Science

Jason Kanar

Doreen Jenkins



# Who's Who for Class of 1983

by Jeremy Shuman, David Snyder  
and Sandra Grover



**Sol P. Elias**

A member of the first class to graduate from Modesto High School, Sol P. Elias was a prominent lawyer in Modesto. He later became mayor of the city, and in 1924 he wrote *Stories of Stanislaus*, a history of Stanislaus County. Today he is considered the authoritative historian of this area and his work is still a valuable source of information for anyone doing research about the city of Modesto and its environs.

For the first time, the *Sycamore* includes a section of outstanding seniors who show the potential to be compared with such alumni as Sol P. Elias. Faculty members nominated 31 seniors whom they felt exhibited outstanding qualities in leadership, maturity, academics, service, and extra-curricular participation. A committee of faculty and administrators made the selection of the 10 finalists included here.



*Dalinda Angelo*



*Jane Corrales*



*Marilyn Wolf*

## **Dalinda Angelo**

During her four years at MHS, Dalinda Angelo has been involved in student government, athletics and clubs, as well as many extra-curricular activities. She was class president her first two years at MHS, and student body vice president her senior year. She also served on the Student Curriculum Committee for three years, was a member of the band and its council for three years, and served with the student leadership committee during her upperclass years.

To add to her activities, Dalinda was a member of rally and CSF all through high school. She has been a member of the Spanish Club for two years and participated in the Science Club her junior and senior years. In her freshman year she played JV Basketball and softball, along with varsity softball in her sophomore year, which earned her a Block M. She joined the Winter Guard and the yearbook staff in her junior year,

devoting many extra hours to those particular activities. Dalinda also served as Prom Chairman in her junior year and was a mascot for football in her senior year.

In addition to all these activities, Dalinda also teaches Sunday school for the mentally retarded and works as an unofficial counselor for the handicapped.

## **Jane Corrales**

In each of her four years at MHS, Jane Corrales has been enrolled in at least one business course. During that time she has managed to maintain a GPA of 3.783, and is ranked fifth in a class of 309.

Jane has had three years of typing, one year of model office, one year of business English, one year of bookkeeping, two years of shorthand and one year of word processing. She currently prints the school newspaper, the *Broadcast*, types at 65 wpm and can take 100 wpm in shorthand. She is described by her





Patricia Trujillo



Tammy Noffsinger



Dennis Wend



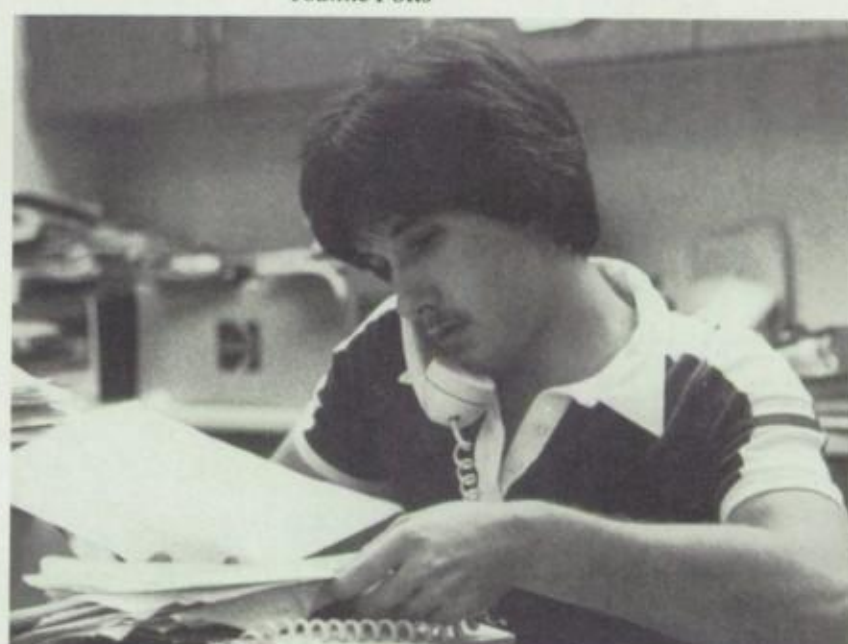
Joanne Potts



Joanne Potts



Doreen Jenkins



John Hallford

teachers as being reliable, conscientious, attentive, courteous, and has excellent attendance.

Jane has also received awards for perfect attendance, citizenship and physical education. She has been on the honor roll for four years and received the United States Business Education Award.

### John Hallford

The 1983 Student Body President, John Hallford was active in many areas of student government as well as being involved in various other groups on campus.

John was a member of the German Club for his first two years, holding the office of president as a sophomore. Also as a sophomore, he was elected president of the Student Curriculum Committee, an office he held for three years. He was also an active member of NFL and CSF. As a junior, John was a member of Inter-High Council, and in 1982 was elected vice president. He also joined the

Modesto City Youth Commission, of which he is still a member, and was named as a candidate for Project AIM. He was nominated to the *United States National Leadership Merit Awards* in his senior year. In addition to his student government activities, John was a member of the Madrigals singing group, active as an ad salesman for the yearbook and ranked number one on the Boys Tennis Team.

Besides his many school and civic activities, John was also very active in the First Baptist Church youth group and its social activities.

### Doreen Jenkins

Graduating second in her class with a GPA of 3.865, Doreen Jenkins is one of the best all-around students at MHS.

She has been a member of CSF all four years, serving as president in her senior year, and twice making the "straight A" honor roll. A four-year member of rally, Doreen was a

spiritleader during her freshman and sophomore years, and was chosen as Queen in the spring of her sophomore year. Also as a sophomore, she earned her varsity letter, after being named MVP on the JV Gymnastics Team as a freshman. She was a key member of the varsity team for the next three years, earning Most Improved as a sophomore.

Doreen has been a member of the Science Club for four years, the Math Club her last three, and attended the Math Superbowl as a junior and senior. She garnered honors for math, science, foreign language, citizenship, perfect attendance and social science. She also received the National English Merit Award, a *Leadership Merit Award* from the US Achievement Academy, and the Bank of America plaque for the areas of math and science.

Doreen also was recognized for an outstanding exhibit at the Craftsman's Fair and attended the Proctor and Gamble Leadership Conference and the Camp Royal Leadership

*This has been an extremely busy year for me but also an exciting one. Community involvement has been unbelievable. Because of this, I have met many leaders of the community that I may not have known otherwise.*  
—Marcy Matson







Patricia Trujillo



Doreen Jenkins



Joanne Potts



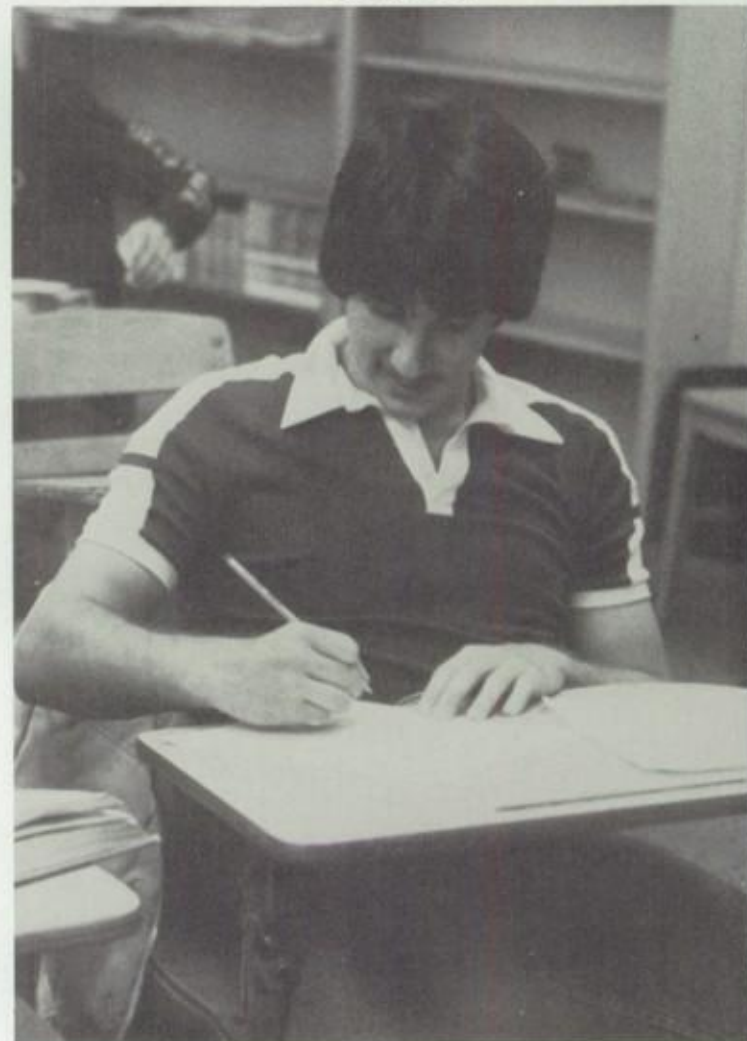
Jane Corrales



Dalinda Angelo



Marilyn Wolf



John Hallford

Camp. As a senior she also served as the class representative and was nominated to the Quill and Scroll Society.

Outside of school, she served as a volunteer for the Salvation Army as a sophomore and worked part time at Wendy's as a junior.

### Jason Kanar

Known for his relaxed attitude, Jason Kanar is also recognized for his academic abilities. He has been a member of the German Club for four years, serving as vice president and then president. He also spent his last three years as a member of NFL, earning his ruby pin, and serving as president in his senior year.

In his junior and senior years, he was a member of AFS and participated in the Academic Decathlon. He also went to the County Spelling Bee, and as a junior reached the state level. In his senior year he was a member of the Science Club and yearbook

staff, and was nominated for membership to the Quill and Scroll Society. He also won the Bank of America plaque for liberal arts, and was offered an internship with Assemblyman Gary Condit.

In addition, he served as presiding officer of the State Qualifying Student Congress as a junior, received the National English Merit Award, and received an award for outstanding citizenship and a *National Leadership Merit Award* from the US Achievement Academy as a senior.

### Tammy Noffsinger

Rising from a regular staff member to the top spot in two years, *Broadcast* editor Tammy Noffsinger dedicates most of her efforts to the pursuit of journalism and academic excellence.

Tammy has been a member of the honor roll for three years, and for two years a member of CSF. She was also nominated to the Quill and Scroll Society in both her

junior and senior years. She was nominated for a *United States National Journalism Award* in her senior year. As a senior, in addition to her strenuous duties as newspaper editor, she also participated actively in 'S' Club and church activities.

### Joanne Potts

Serving as Field Drum Major for the Marching Panthers requires concentration, patience and dedication, as well as outstanding ability in instrumental music. Joanne Potts possesses all of these qualities and more. With a 3.63 GPA, she was ranked 12th in a class of over 300. A member of CSF, Joanne was a four-year member of the band and also of rally, always showing her dedication to Panther Pride with spirit. In her junior and senior years she was a Rally Exec member.

Joanne was also a four-year member of Student Council, serving her class as representative for three years, and in her senior year she was the Student Body Treasurer. Joanne





John Hallford



Dennis Wend



Tammy Noffsinger



Dennis Wend



John Hallford



Jason Kanar



Doreen Jenkins



Jason Kanar

was a member of the JV Gymnastics Team for two years, a member of German Club and the Jazz Band.

### Patricia Trujillo

Although she was not actively involved in sports or spirit, Patricia Trujillo was outstanding in the academic aspect of school. Ranked number three in her class, Patricia maintained a 3.8 GPA throughout high school. Teachers described her as a very capable and intelligent student, and her peers said she was thoughtful and friendly. A member of CSF, Patricia also belonged to MASA, and was strongly involved in the French Club, of which she was president in her senior year.

### Marilyn Wolf

Modesto High's only 4.0 student in the Class of 1983, Marilyn Wolf received just one "B" throughout her four years, and that was in a PE class. Marilyn was an active member of the Math Club, Science Club and CSF.

One might think to obtain a perfect GPA would require devoting free time entirely to studying and homework. Marilyn, however, shows that such an idea is not necessarily so. She has also been on the volleyball, girls basketball, and softball teams, and enjoys swimming and bicycling.

In addition to her school activities, Marilyn has held a part-time job at an egg ranch for the past two years.

### Dennis Wend

Playing key positions on each of three major sports for four years is a highly unusual achievement. Dennis Wend played quarterback, guard, and pitcher, and was chosen Fall King in his senior year. Other sports honors included Prep of the Week in his senior year, and MVP (offensive) for football all four years, MVP for basketball in his sophomore and junior years, and MVP for baseball in his freshman and sophomore years. He has also been a member of Babe Ruth and American

Legion Baseball Teams for five years, and was a member of Little league for five years. He was named Outstanding Prep Athlete of the Year by the SOS Club in his senior year.

In addition to these numerous sports activities and awards, Dennis maintained a 3.66 GPA, ranking eighth in his class. Besides his membership in CSF, he was also a member of the Science Club and Block M Society, and was a representative for Youth in Government Day. Dennis earned membership in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* as a junior, and was nominated to *The Society of Distinguished American High School Students* in both his junior and senior years. He was also nominated for a *National Leadership Merit Award* from the US Achievement Academy in his senior year.

In addition to this busy schedule, Dennis is also an active member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, having served as an acolyte for five years and presently serving as an usher.



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Miguel Aguirre  
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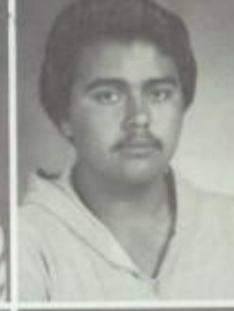
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Fidel Barraza

Olga Alberto  
Leslie Anglim  
Susie Beckwith

Yolanda Alberto  
Tomas Arias  
Chris Bell

Rhonda Albright  
Michelle Ausema  
Trent Bellew



Robert Berry  
Dennis Brophy  
Troy Campbell  
Jeanette Clancy

Tracy Binion  
James Brown  
Johnny Carrillo  
Angela Clark

Marty Black  
Richard Brunetti  
Manuel Carrillo  
Bernadette Coito

Ron Boggs  
Jackie Bryant  
Patricia Carter  
Gary Conchola

James Boer  
Lora Bryant  
Teresa Case  
Monica Contreras

Steve Bolton  
William Bryant  
Jesse Castaneda  
Sean Coons

Rhonda Boone  
Sheryl Burrows  
Phillip Cearley  
Amparo Cornejo

Rhonda Bowling  
Janna Caldwell  
Jeff Charron  
Raymond Cortez





Soledad Bravo  
Kelly Calkins  
Lydia Chavez  
Sam Cousins

## Class of '84 is Full of 'Hustle'

by Sabrina Farris

**H**aving almost \$500 saved from their sophomore year, the Junior Class of 1983 anxiously began the year planning fundraising activities to support the Prom.

Under the supervision of 19-year veteran junior class advisors Jim Kenyon and Jim Autry, the Class of '84 strove to achieve the traditional goal of a successful Prom.

Holding lunch-hour meetings as often as they could, junior class officers involved their classmates in organizing ideas and activities for the coming year. Although there often is a noticable lack of participation in club and class activities, this was not a problem for the Junior Class. Many students attended the meetings, and volunteer help was always there when needed.

In early November a Pizza Feed was held at Pizza Machine. Since it was held during the week, a smaller than anticipated profit was made and the juniors netted only \$60. Still, it was a start, and things continued to get better.

On the first Friday after Christmas vacation, the juniors held a New Year's Dance after the weekly basketball game. This turned out to be a great success, and the dance's profits

put the juniors well on their way to a memorable Prom. Other projects were planned for the remaining part of the year, including another Pizza Feed, raffles, and car washes for the warmer months to fund the 1983 Prom. Looking for a respectable place to hold the yearly event, the juniors finally chose the Riverbank Community Center. Held in mid-May, "A Night on the Town" was a glamorous Black and White affair that was enjoyed by all who attended.

Despite the problems faced each year with planning for the Prom and fundraising in general, the Class of '84 held together as a team, showing that early planning and good organization can lead to success.



**Top, Junior Class Advisors:** James Kenyon and James Autry.

**Above Left, Junior Class Officers:** Lori Howell, vice president; Camilla Tillman, secretary; Denise Presley, treasurer; Sabrina Farris, president.

**Above Right:** During a Junior Class meeting Lori Howell and Sabrina Farris discuss Prom theme ideas with classmates Leslie Anglim, Dianne McHale, and Stephanie Wood.

**Right:** Enjoying a victory rally are juniors Pam Ketchum, Susie Beckwith, Stephanie Heersink, Sabrina Farris, Kris Lee, John Klink, Leslie Anglim, Jennifer Wells, Phil Cearly, Trace O'Laughlin, Lisa Andrews, Richard Brunetti, Victor Curci and David Lopez.



Knowing that MHS is 100 years old and still maintaining its spirit makes me proud to be a part. Even though I didn't graduate from MHS, I couldn't be prouder.  
—Jean Redlew



Sandy Cox  
Rhonda Davis  
Lucy Dias

Tim Cramer  
Delia De la Rosa  
Jose Diaz

Crystal Crowley  
Humberto Delgado  
Loren Dieu

Victor Curci  
Donna De Simone  
Jorge Dinis

Chris Dallenbach  
Connie Dias  
Ron Dixon



Dieu Do  
Ryan Edwards  
Regina Fajardo  
Mark Fletcher

Bobby Dollar  
Carol Ellis  
Sabrina Farris  
Irma Flores

Leonard Donaldson  
Juan Esparza  
Maria Fernandez  
Lisa Flores

Ryan Dunscomb  
Armando Espinoza  
Gil Fite  
Jeff Franklin

Linette Dupire  
Margaret Everson  
Darren Fletcher  
Vince Furtado



## Richard Brunetti

by Lori Howell

After three weeks of sketching, erasing, and starting over, Richard Brunetti came up with the award-winning Centennial Logo for Modesto High. "I've always loved to draw," Richard said enthusiastically. When he was only twelve, he had already entered several contests, one of which was profitable for him: he received \$25 for drawing an animated character.

Richard's service to the school is greatly appreciated; often when the office needs lettering done or pictures drawn, Richard is the first one to be contacted. Since MHS joined the VOL league this year, it was necessary to replace the rival mascots which hang in the Girls Gym. With the help of Commercial Art teacher Leroy Giovannoni, Richard painted the new wall hangings.

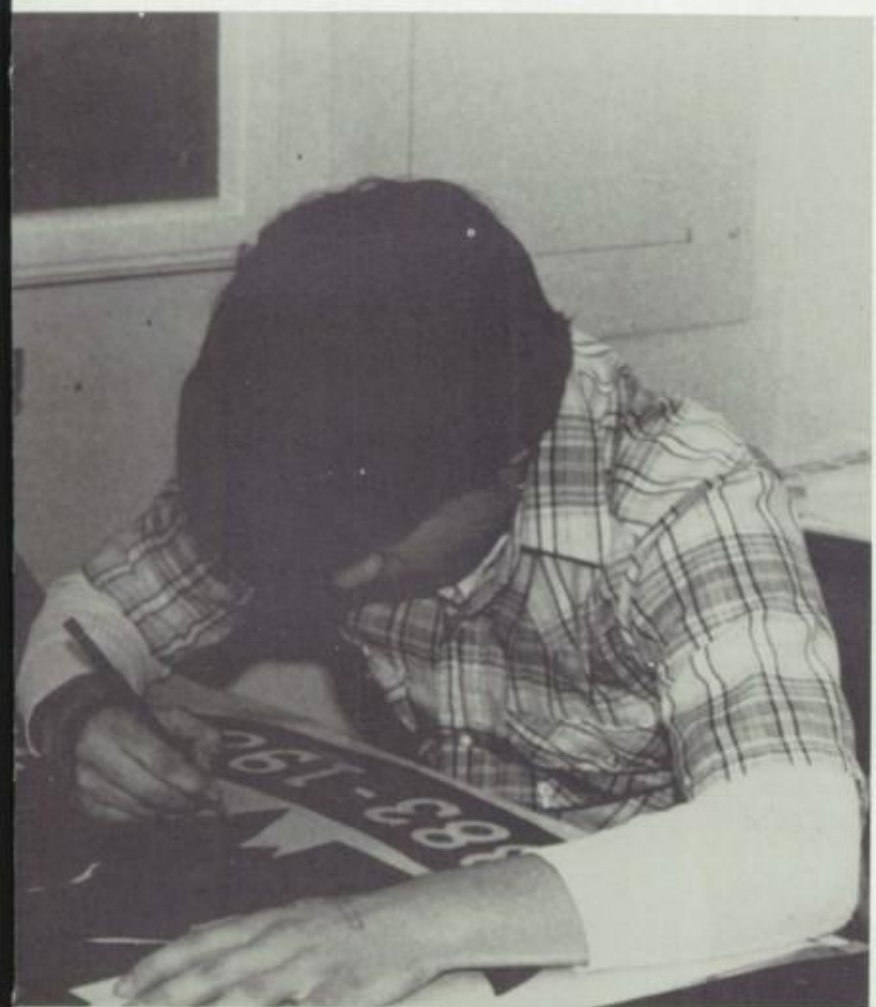
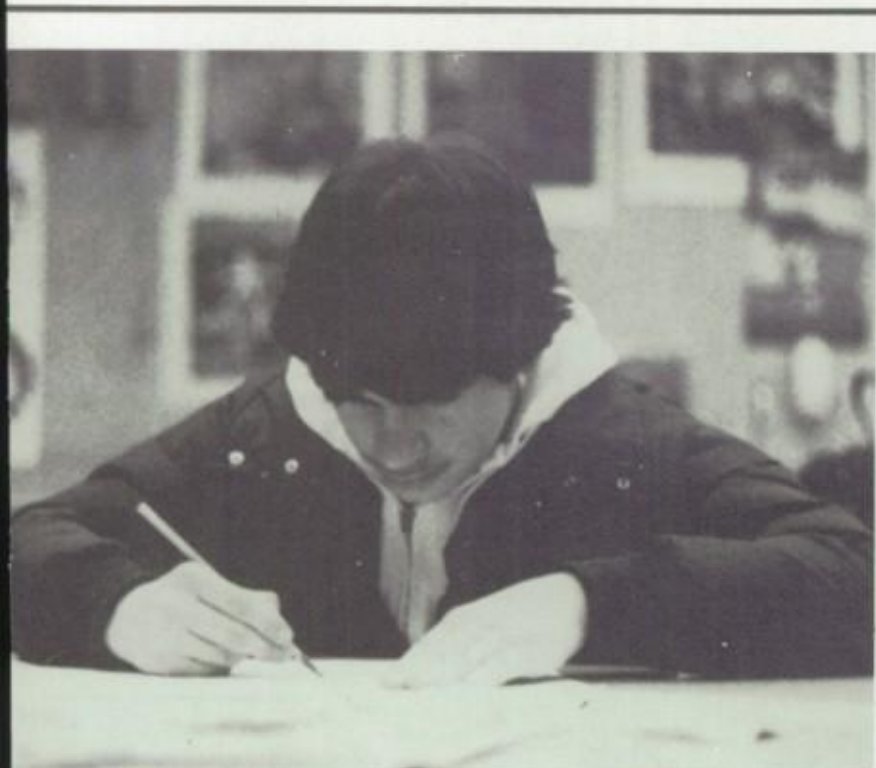
When asked about his plans for the future, Richard doesn't have to think very long for an answer. "I think I'll go into some type of commercial art. Maybe a cartoonist," he adds, excitement rising in his voice as he warms to the idea.

Being only a junior, Richard has another year to learn advanced drawing and sketching skills while attending MHS. He hopes to learn as much about art as he can, and hopefully get more experience at drawing things for other people.

"Thinking up new ideas for sketches and putting on paper exactly what you're thinking about can be hard work, but when somebody likes what you've done, it's all worth it," Richard concluded.







Top: Richard Brunetti concentrates on producing another design in his art class.

Above: Richard "tidies up" a large-scale mock-up of the award-winning Centennial Logo.

Left: While in his 3rd period art class, Richard begins another masterpiece. Second Left: Richard puts his painting skills to use by making a permanent form of the Centennial Logo.

Jose Garcia  
James Garner  
Craig Gayhart

Monica Garcia  
Jesus Garribay  
Steve Gayhart

Patricia Garcia  
John Garrison  
Jimmy Gayle

Ralph Garcia  
Juanita Garza  
Paul Gerhardt



Darren Gilbert  
Troy Goldman  
Sophia Gonzales  
Lucia Guerrero

Jennifer Gilbreth  
Mike Goncalves  
Alma Gonzalez  
Robert Gutierrez

Kashmir Gill  
Tony Gonzales  
Robert Goodloe  
Tonya Gullatt

Jim Gipson  
Sam Gonzales  
Kim Grimes  
Carole Guyton



To me Modesto High is a place where you can prepare for the future. With such a proud tradition, it's a great place to be!

—Sonia Cueto



Michele Haley  
Stephanie Heersink  
Carol Herchkorn

Stacy Hallford  
Lance Heinrich  
Harr Hettings

Lisa Haney  
Joe Henriques  
Gary Hibbs

Cindy Harrison  
Paul Henry  
Jim Hiler

Kathy Heaton



Crystal Hodges  
Jolene Howser  
Neil Jackson  
Lori Johnston

Linda Hoke  
Dee Ann Hughes  
Kim James  
Rick Kessie

John Howard  
Danny Hunstable  
Marlene Jarvis  
Pam Ketchum

Lori Howell  
Denise Ingram  
Eddie Jimenez  
Nareth Kham

Jannee Jackson  
Jennifer Johnson  
Clayton Kittle

**Right:** Cindy Harrison is a Hi-Deb rep.  
**Below:** Which are the live models? Geri Peek and Dianne McHale pose with three manequins.  
**Bottom:** Geri and Dianne practice their manequin poses.







# Live Modeling

by Connie Dias

"I really enjoy modeling," commented junior Geri Peek. "Modeling for Hi-Deb is a good way to get started and to find out if you really want to become a model." Geri, Dianne McHale and Cindy Harrison are all models for Gottschalks' modeling program, called Hi-Deb.

Hi-Deb is a program in which girls from schools as far as Riverbank and Manteca get together and learn the basics of modeling. Girls who are interested in modeling with Hi-Deb begin by filling out applications, provided by the Career Center once a year. If accepted, they go in for a private interview. After being chosen for the program, the girls are taught the proper techniques of applying make-up, wearing the right clothes, and how to present themselves when modeling. The girls attend a meeting once a month where they find out their next modeling assignment from Paula Akcard, Gottschalk's fashion coordinator and Hi-Deb's program head.

Dianne and Geri worked in fashion shows and did promotional work for stores, such as passing out perfume samples. They also were involved with a fashion show put on to promote a new restaurant in Manteca.

Most of the Hi-Deb modeling is done during the spring and summer. Dianne and Geri were both fortunate enough to model in some of Gottschalks' bridal shows, usually the largest shows of the season. They not only did regular modeling, but also some manequin modeling for Gottschalks and Bobbie West, also located in the Vintage Faire Mall.

Dianne and Geri both enjoy modeling very much. For Dianne, modeling is a spare time activity, but Geri hopes to make her occupation as a professional model someday. Both feel that they are learning a lot at Hi-Deb which will be useful to them later in life.

Dianne stated, "It's a good way to learn about fashions and make-up. I think it helps you to present yourself, especially when you go to job interviews."

Rick Klereren  
Kris Lee  
Susan Looper



Andrea Love  
Dianne McHale  
Marcos Madrid  
Vincent Martinez

Laurie Kline  
Melinda Lee  
Ron Lopes



James McAny  
Scott McKenzie  
Jose Madrigal  
Anthony Matthews

John Klink  
Somphon Lee  
David Lopez



Martin McCarthy  
Laura MacPhetridge  
Veronica Madrigal  
Stephanie Mattox

Bertha Larry  
Thongphorn Lee  
Guadalupe Lopez



Becky McGann  
Frank Maddalena  
Jaime Magana  
Rodell Meeks

Tamara Lawrence  
Efren Linares  
Tim Lopez



Lee Ann Machado  
Ron Maddox  
Nick Martinez  
Mancel Mello



Don Mellow  
Jerry Miller  
Patricia Moses

Phillip Mercer  
John Miller  
Mark Murillo

Chuck Meyer  
Gumaro Miranda  
Lisa Nagel

Eric Milchen  
Estella Montalbo  
Wendy Nagel

Anna Miller  
Rick Morgan  
Daniel Nava



Kim New  
Loree Oaks  
Francisco Ortiz  
Keith Parker

Brian Nicholson  
Trace O'Laughlin  
Julie Page  
James Peck

Mike Nicholson  
Maria Oliveira  
Machelle Park  
Geri Peek

Robert Norman  
Brian Oreglia  
Charles Parker  
Cecilia Peral

Mickey Nugent  
Gilbert Ornelas  
Dosa Parker  
Say Phompong



## Crystal Crowley

by Philip Henry

While looking through an art magazine, Crystal Crowley discovered an article about how to collect a set of miniature antique furniture. The article got her very interested in how she could collect a set of her own.

After saving her money to buy some pieces of furniture, she made her first purchase, which also turned out to be her most expensive one, a small couch. Four years later her collection now has about a dozen pieces, including tables, couches, and chairs. "Collecting miniature antiques can get expensive sometimes," said Crystal, but she feels it is worth the cost.

Her mother added, "Crystal works very hard on her collection. Sometimes she will sit for three or four hours working on the different pieces she has."

Crystal's favorite piece is one of the chairs she bought about a year ago. After working consistently on it, it has now become the most valuable piece she owns.

She loves her collection and is very proud of the work she does. Even so, she has no plans to sell any of her work. She feels it is something she wants to keep in the future.

She concluded, "I would like to keep it in my family. I hope someday that my children will like it as much as I do and enlarge it."







Above: Crystal Crowley smiles as she explains the various pieces of her collection.  
Left and Upper Center: Close-ups of some of the miniatures.  
Upper Right: Crystal poses proudly with some of the favorite pieces in her collection of miniature furniture.

Carlos Pineda  
Brenda Pope  
Anthony Presto



Jose Pineda  
Cherri Potter  
Dino Quinn



Edna Polk  
David Potter  
Arcelia Quintero



Lendora Polk  
Tina Prado  
Galindo Ramirez



Sarah Pollock  
Denise Presley  
Raquel Ramirez



Margie Roberts  
Sandra Saunders

Irene Ramos  
Thomas Reed  
Sharon Roberts  
Amnuay Savath

Patricia Ramos  
Troy Relei  
Manuel Rosales  
David Scarborough

Tammy Rancour  
Maria Rivera  
Sherry Rose  
Maria Scarborough

Sherrie Randolph  
Refugion Rivera  
Darren Ruskamp  
Jason Searl



I have always loved Modesto High. As a former student, aide, and now as a teacher, I see MHS and the Centennial Celebration as a living example of what a variety of people and cultures working together can accomplish. We are those people! —Pat Durr



Andrew Shank  
Inez Silveira  
Art Sisneroz

John Shaw  
Michele Simar  
Darryl Sligar

Lucia Sianez  
Clyde Simpson  
Vatsna Sobin

Sandra Sickert  
James Sisk  
Joe Solorio

Enos Silveira  
William Sisk



Terri Speaks  
Inez Sullivan  
Darren Teeple  
Debbie Thompson

Charlotte Stalcup  
Brenda Swartz  
Becky Tellez  
Vanyata Thongkham

Curtis Starkey  
Danita Swinburg  
Lori Thomas  
Mark Tiger

Shirley Stout  
Roberta Tannehill  
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Camilla Tillman

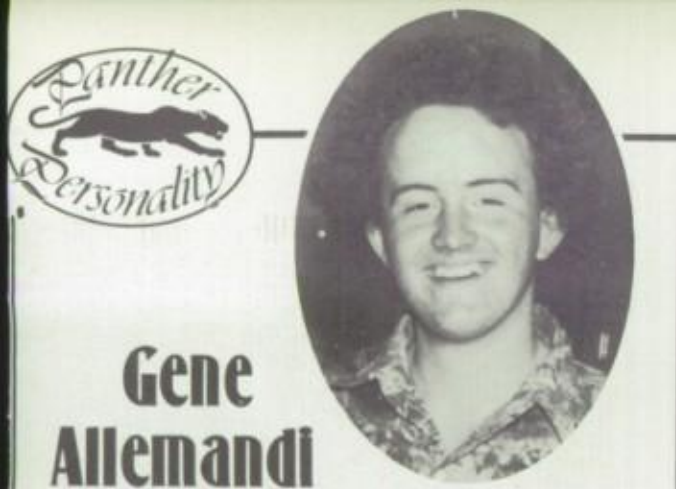
Mike Toso



Above: Gene Alemandi peeks into the wok to check the progress of his culinary deight.  
Right: Gene slices a sausage to add a little flavor.







# Gene Allemandi

by Connie Dias

**T**aught by his Uncle Charlie and Aunt Ada, Gene Allemandi has been cooking Japanese food for the past five years. He has his own cooking equipment and prepares all kinds of Japanese dishes at home. He usually cooks for special occasions, such as family birthdays or anniversaries.

Gene has been to Japan three different summers to visit his aunt and uncle who reside there, but getting permission to go to Japan is not easy. "It is a real hassle because you have to fill out a lot of papers and you must have relatives living in Japan to be able to visit," commented Gene.

When he does visit Japan, Gene stays with his uncle and aunt who teach him all about Japanese customs. They also demonstrate to him the various types and varieties of Japanese food and the methods of preparing the food.

The religious aspect of Japanese culture is a fascination of Gene's. He really enjoys going to the temples and learning all he can about the Japanese way of life.

When asked about living in Japan someday Gene replied, "I'm not sure about living there permanently, but I would like to continue to learn more about cooking their food, and about their cultures."



**Upper Left:** Demonstrating Japanese cooking to a foods class, Gene Alemandi adds another ingredient to the wok.

**Above:** Gene checks the oven to make sure it is hot enough.

Lucy Toste  
Humberto Urquidez  
Hector Vera

Dorothy Trammell  
David Valdez  
Daniel Vera

Rick Trevino  
Zulema Vento  
David Vera

Miguel Trujillo  
Arthur Vera  
Leon Verburg

Tim Tuggle  
Bertha Vera  
Stacy Walker



Sean Wani  
Tammy Westfall  
Randy Whitehead  
Stefanie Wood

Keith Waters  
Dixie Weststeyn  
Patricia Williams  
April Wooldridge

Sue Ann Welch  
Angie Wheeler  
Andrea Williamson  
Ivan Wyeth

Jennifer Wells  
Laura Wheeler  
Jeff Wilson  
Mary Yandell

Jake Weston  
Shanin White  
Valerie Wilson  
Zusana Zuniga



*I am proud to be a part of Modesto High's centennial because I feel that this celebration is more or less a reunion of everyone who ever came here.*  
—Pat Hildreth



# Class of '85 Works Hard at Fundraising

by Susie Beckwith

The Class of '85 was a very hard-working and experienced group. Its members were constantly working to uphold their standards of industriousness by raising money, holding activities, volunteering for service, and setting an all-around example for the other classes.

Among the fundraisers was a mammoth Car Wash held at the end of the year, a pizza feed, and sales of numerous gift items around the community and campus. Numerous sophomores were active in clubs, student government, journalism and spirit groups. They could be counted on to help out with the preparation and promotion of any "cause" in which they were involved.

The Sophomore Class was full of individuals who weren't afraid to work. They did so by holding fundraisers and promoting sales throughout the campus. Tradition played a big part in their activities over the year, which is where most of the proceeds of their financial

expertise was spent. Sophomores again planned and promoted the Hearts and Lace Dance in February, but kept in the back of their minds that next year it would be their responsibility to do the big dance—the Prom.

Under the supervision of Ila Westfall and Arlen Holen, the sophomore's Hearts and Lace Dance was one of the most successful dances of the year—a year in which dances proved more popular than they have for several years.

Heading the class was president Nikki Smith who fulfilled her position with the help of the other officers, including Arthur Martinez, Sheryl Mendonza, Cheri Cope and Shawyne Clark.

The accomplishments of the Class of '85 have proved to be very beneficial to the entire school. Knowing this we can look forward to the Junior Class of 1984, confident that they will produce leaders to overcome the everyday routine of the classroom and offer to themselves and their classmates exciting and rewarding activities.



Left: Watching joyfully at a Spring Rally, a group of spirited sophomores follows the progress of the skit with enthusiasm.

Below: Karin Smith smiles as she joins a group at break.



Above, Sophomore Class Officers: Arthur Martinez, vice president; Shawyne Clark, rep; Nikki Smith, president; Sheryl Mendonza, secretary.

Right, Sophomore Class Advisors: Ila Westfall and Arlen Holen.



Karrie Abernathy  
Guadalupe Angel  
Michelle Azevedo

Cindy Adams  
Laura Archuleta  
Jerry Baldwin



Holly Beatty  
Tommy Bond  
Michelle Bulman  
Manuel Chapa

Wendy Beauvais  
Chrisie Boucher  
Theresa Camaril  
Francine Chaves



Cyndi Adams  
Celia Arizmendi  
Renato Balenovich

Evarsito Aguiar  
Julie Arles  
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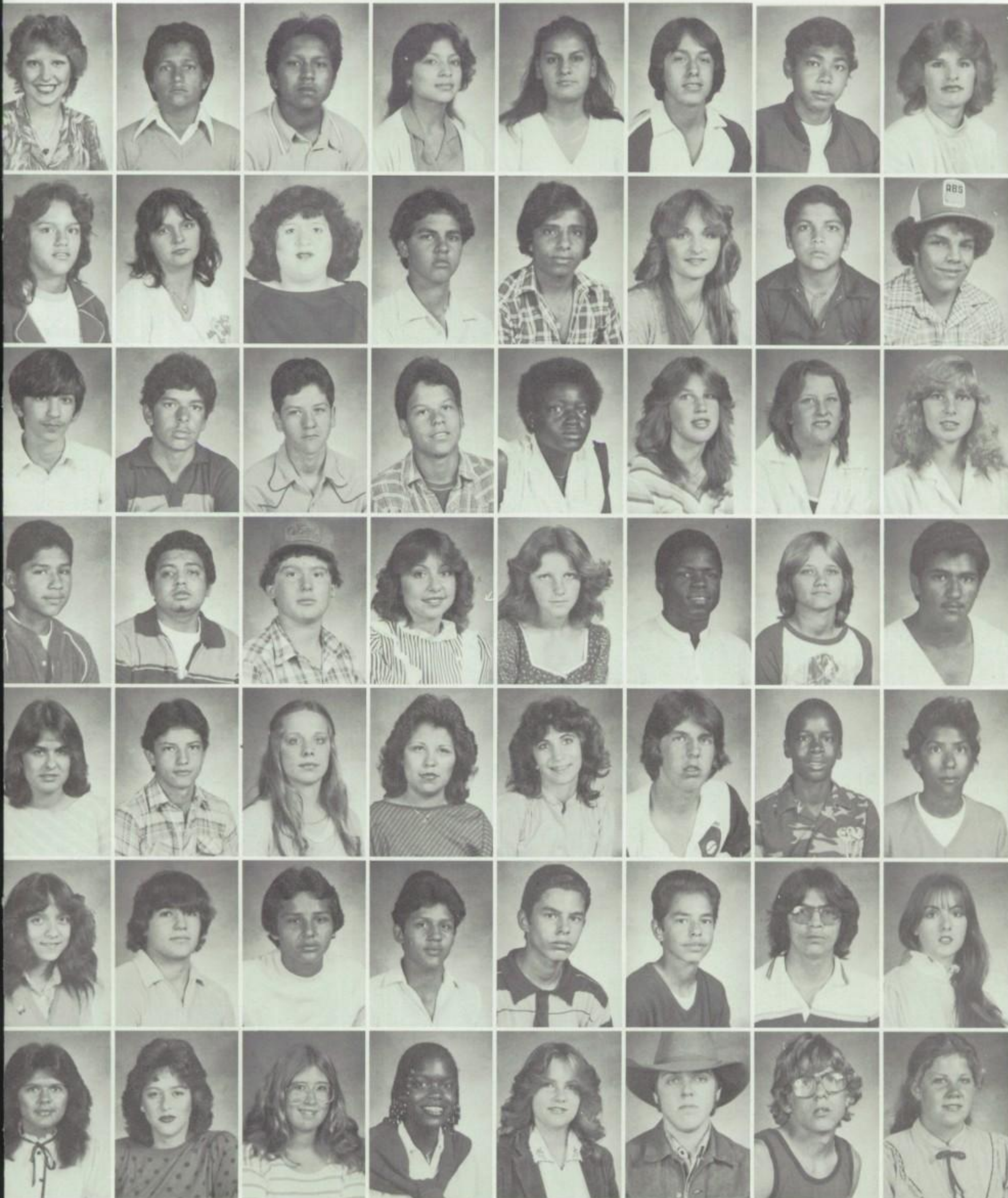
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Jackie Barnes

James Aldana  
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Nancy Bass

Sotha Am  
Sergio Ayala  
Michelle Baugus

Lydia Andrews  
Manuel Azevedo  
Christine Beatty



Henry Benavidez  
Karen Bradley  
Lizy Campbell  
Mary Chavez

Freddie Bernal  
Isaac Brambila  
Albert Cardoso  
Patty Chavez

Kenneth Berry  
Mary Brasuell  
Bobby Cardoza  
Terry Christen

Gina Bettencourt  
Denise Bravo  
Jorge Carreno  
Shawyne Clark

Georgia Bixler  
Julie Breitter  
Marcus Casas  
Tamara Clark

Morey Bland  
Jeff Brown  
Pete Casas  
David Coats

Thomas Boggs  
Andre Brooks  
Davie Castillo  
Rachel Cole

Johnny Bonaes  
Jonny Buantello  
Lillie Chalk  
Rory Cole



The activities and history behind Modesto High seem to add a spark to my school year; I am proud to be a part of this school in its Centennial Celebration!  
—John Bringas



Herb Collier  
Sandra Contreras  
Donny Coonce

Cindy Collins  
Butch Coonce  
Cherylee Cope



Judy Corrales  
Dana Criswell  
Patrick Culver  
Bob Dalton

Charlita Crane  
Nedra Cuevas  
Clarence Cunha  
Kelly Davis



## Chris & Holly Beatty

by Dianne Walls

Excitement is the ultimate goal of twins Chris and Holly Beatty, sophomores at MHS. At school, Chris and Holly share many of the same interests, including music, dance, and spiritleading. These interests also extend beyond the school day, where they both take piano lessons and raise cattle on their family ranch.

Chris and Holly, born on Christmas day, started dancing in grade school and have continued through high school. The twins are both enrolled in Mrs. Chris Broome's modern dance classes, and were fortunate enough to participate in the Centennial Dance Production. Both obviously enjoy dancing. Holly explained, "I like to let my body move with the beat of the music," and Chris added, "I like music, and I feel good when I dance." They prefer to dance to country and rock music. Their ability helped them earn a spot as sophomore basket-



ball songleaders.

Their love of music has carried them into one of their few areas of divergence: Holly sings as a member of the Ensembles, while Chris is a clarinet player in the Marching Band. However, both sisters enjoy playing the piano.

To go along with their dancing and spirit activities, Chris and Holly also find time to work with animals. The twins have raised Brown Swiss cows since they started the project in the fourth grade. Both have received various awards in county and state fairs. During one show, Chris took a Grand Champion ribbon home while Holly placed second in the same event. Both of the girls enjoy working with their animals and consider it more of a pleasure than a job, especially when they receive money for their efforts. They have used the proceeds from several recent sales to pay for spiritleading camp, purchase their song leader outfits, and set up college funds.

Everything they participate in, they enjoy, as long as they do it together. Even most of their classes are together. Do they ever get tired of being "half of a team?" Not a bit! Says Holly, "We've both always enjoyed having the other as an especially close friend. I wouldn't know what to do if I couldn't confide in Chris every day!"

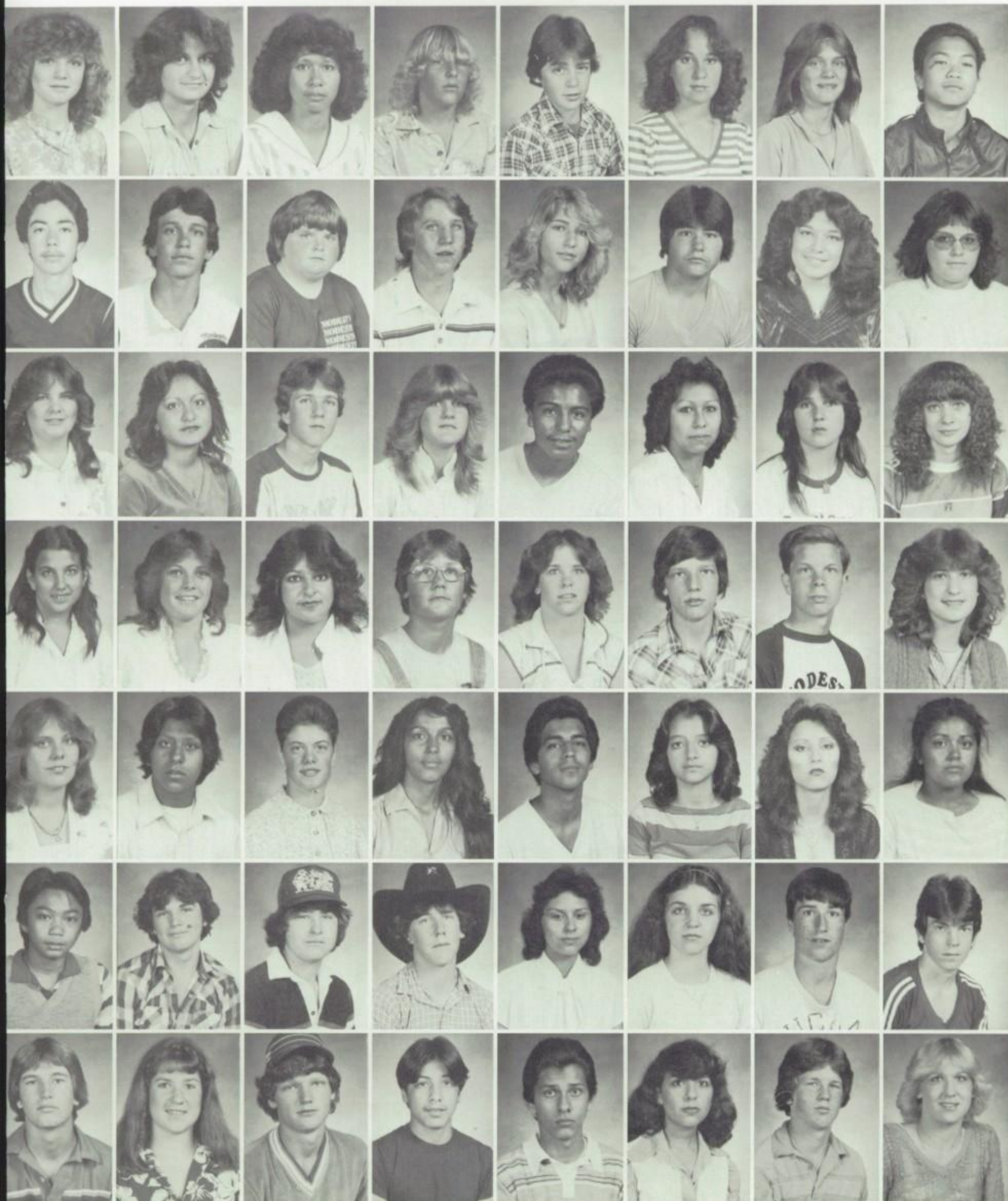


Left: Exuberant and enthusiastic, Holly and Chris Beatty rush to their next class.

Upper Left: Holly lets her body move to the beat of the music. Above: Holly and Chris groom and feed their prize-winning cows.



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I am proud to be associated with my alma mater at this exciting time in its history. Long live MHS!  
—Elaine Hoover



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Yolanda Hernandez  
Nannette Horney

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Mike Herroz  
Glenn House

Jeff Hardenbrook  
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# Joe Todaro

by Dianne McHale



Almost every boy likes to box around with his friends once in a while, but Joe Todaro boxes as an amateur at organized matches and hopes to become a professional some day. Joe began boxing at the age of eleven at Modesto's Uptown Arena, but with the closing of that facility in late January, he has been training at the Red Shield gymnasium. With daily workouts of three to four hours, Joe tones and builds his muscles by jumping rope, doing sit-ups, punching the bag, and sparring with other boxers, helping him compile a 4-4 record in the 112-pound weight division.

Joe's hobby takes him to cities in the area such as Concord, Turlock, Stockton, and Merced, where he participates in exhibition matches, testing his skills while preparing him for upcoming fights. He is one of the few high school students in the area who boxes in organized bouts. Training and matches take up most of his time, so he is unable to participate in other sports here at school.



Several trainers join the boys at the gym for workouts, watching their form and shouting occasional words of advice. One commented that Joe had more determination and courage than most of the young men he sees. "And that counts for more than anything else," he said.

"I think I can do it," replied Joe, when asked of his chances to be a professional boxer. "I have the support of my family and I believe I have the talent."



Above: Joe Todaro spends many hours improving his technique.

Upper Right: In full boxing uniform, Joe displays a right jab.

Right: Joe practices his jabs and hooks with a fellow boxer.

Sahindra Mahal  
Aleia Martin  
Esteban Martinez

Yolanda Marcoff  
Arthur Martinez  
Roel Martinez



James McHugh

Leticia Medina

Ruben Medina

Jesus Mendoza

Sharyl Mendoza

Pete Mihelis

Brandon Mauksch  
Kim McClure  
Eva McGann  
Nora Milchen

Gina May  
Kelvin McCracken  
Katy McGrath  
Lisa Miles



There is so much pride and unity among the students and faculty. The students really care about each other and the teachers are here because they want to be. I hope Modesto High is around for another 100 years!  
—Leanne Gordon



Auralee Millard  
Ethel Mishler  
Martha Morales  
Carlos Navarro

Roy Mims  
Cheryl Montelongo  
Richard Moreno  
Lisa Negele



Angie Muniz  
Sunil Nand  
Craig Nash

Diane Muto  
Arthur Nash  
Arlindo Navarro

Paula Nelson

Tracy New

Huong Nguyen

Kristi Neilson

Brenita Norris

Nadine Nunes



## Becky Stearns

by Jason Manar

**'Y**ou're looking at a winner." This saying on a button inspired the collection of sophomore Becky Stearns. She got this button and began her button collection when she was in the sixth grade. Since then her collection has risen to a number well over 250, and keeps growing almost weekly. Becky stated, "I originally began collecting buttons because I would spot one and like it so I'd buy it. But now I look for different, unusual ones to add to my collection."

Becky buys her buttons from a variety of different places, both locally and out of town. Her mother helps out by looking around for buttons also. Sometimes Becky even buys them at yard sales, or receives them from merchants who have heard about her collection and contribute.



Above: Becky Stearns tries on just a few of her many buttons. Right: Riffling through her vast collection, Becky is amused at their slogans. Upper Right: Becky's collection is over 250 and still growing.



Becky has buttons of many different sizes, shapes, and colors; however, her favorite button is one with the simple statement, "No Biggie," which reflects her quiet personality.

Becky plans to continue her collecting for a long time—until she loses interest. As of now she is still enthusiastic about all the others out there that she hasn't gotten yet, saying, "I hope to collect as many different buttons as I can find. I don't know why I like it so much, but whatever the reason, it's fun."



Being a part of MHS in the Centennial Year means seeing people caught up in a spirit of excitement and pride. It means seeing Mr. Lang's smiling face, along with a host of others, filing into the library reference room for meetings, meetings, meetings!

—Wendy Lanphear





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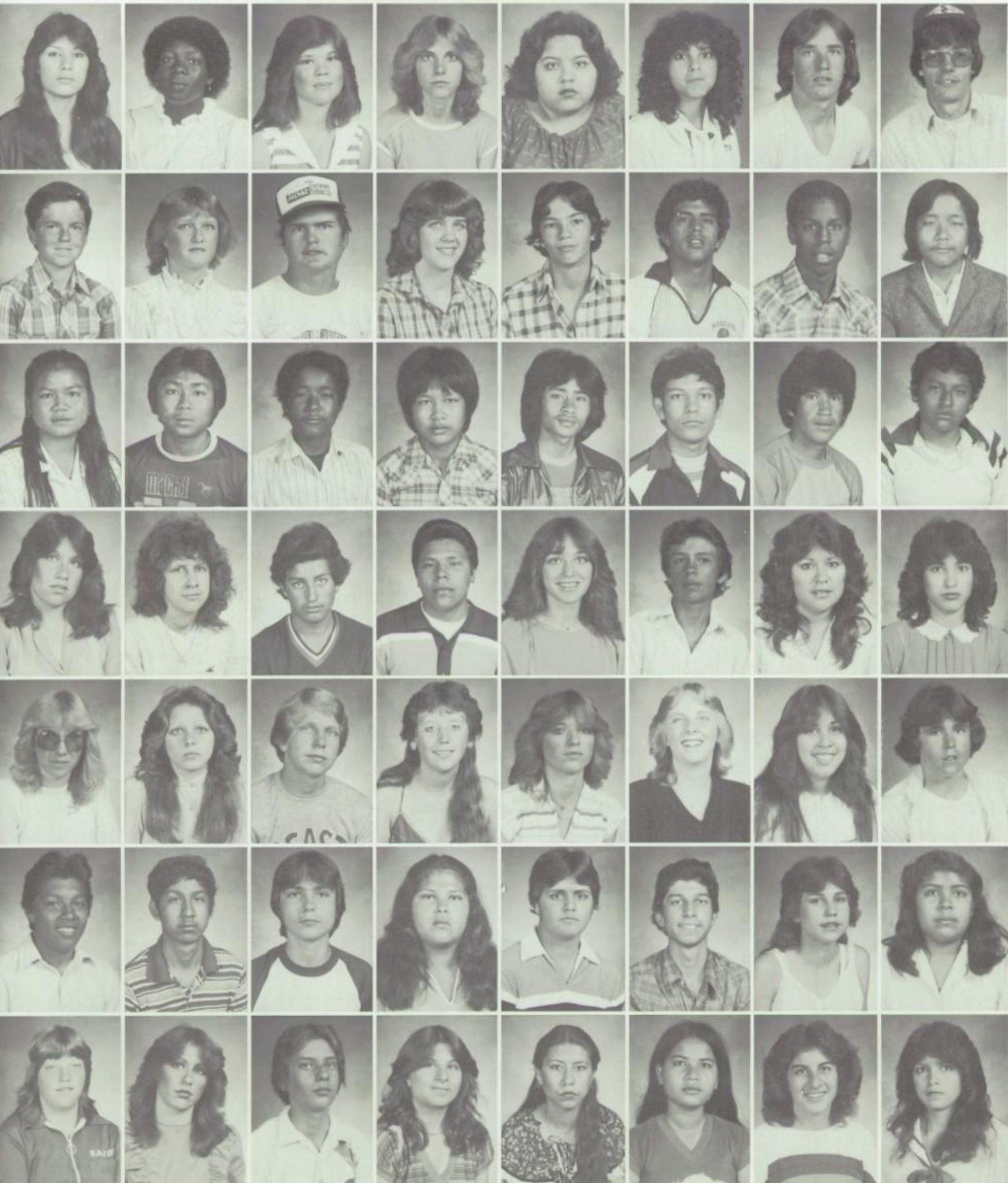
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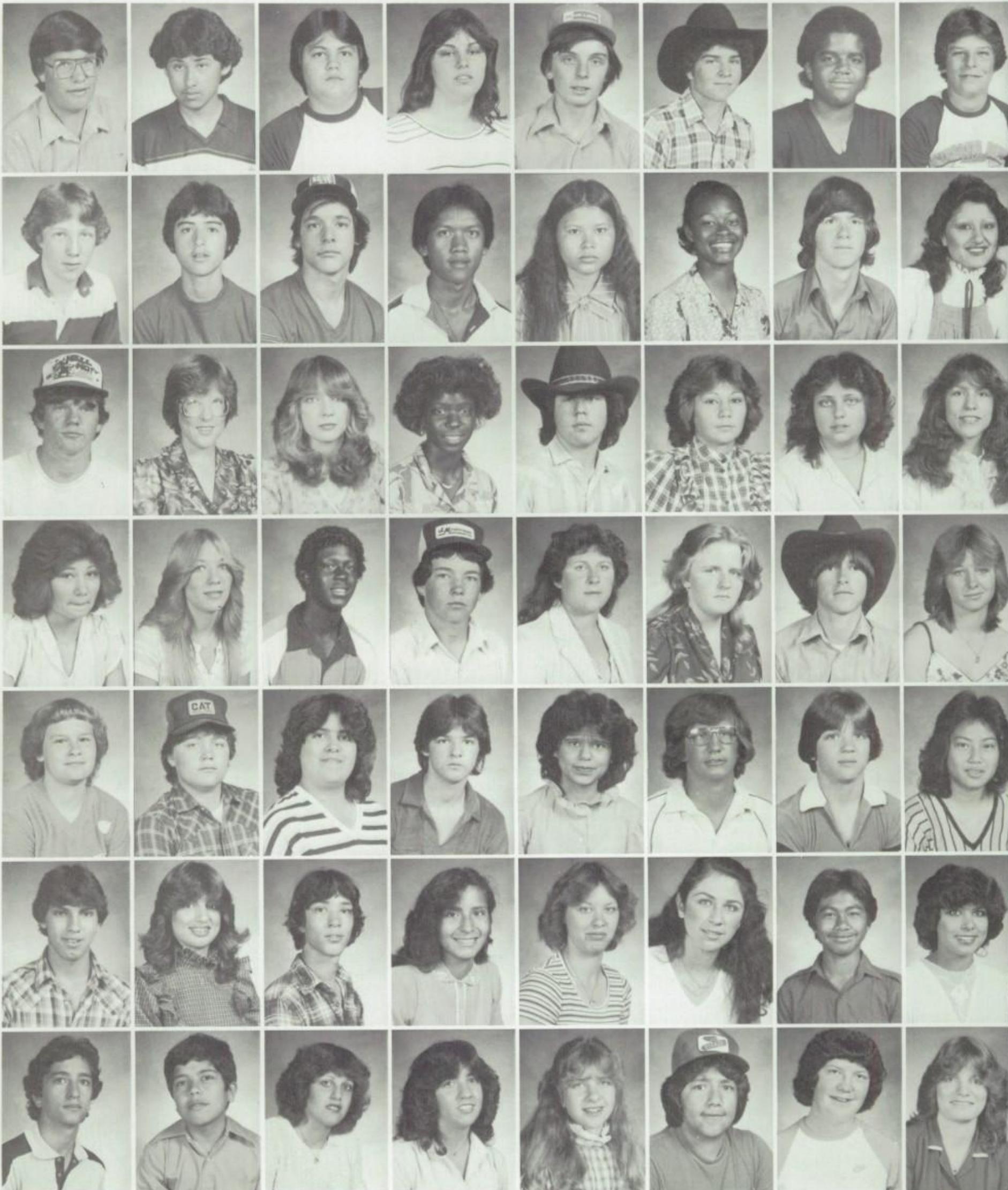
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Becky Stearns  
Hong Thai  
Beatrice Velasquez  
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# Brandon Mauksch

by Nora Milchen



Imagine competing at the 1982 National High School Rodeo Association finals in Douglas, Wyoming, for the team roping championship at the tender age of 14. This dream came true for Brandon Mauksch, now a sophomore at MHS, and his partner Brian Humphrey from Hughson High School. They placed 8th out of 75 top teams in Canada and the US.

After finishing first in their district, Brandon and Brian placed second in the state finals. What Brandon liked best about being at the nationals were the challenges of tougher competition and meeting people from all over the US and Canada. Someday Brandon hopes to

rope as well as his idol Leo Camarillo.

Team roping isn't the only rodeo event Brandon competes in; bullriding is also a favorite. "I like bullriding because it's challenging and lots of fun if you're not scared," he said. Brandon admits riding bulls is dangerous but doesn't let that stop him, even though his mother gets worried sometimes. His most serious injury was a broken collar bone at age 13.

Brandon first began calf riding when he was seven years old. A few years later, he started riding bulls. When he was nine, his grandfather introduced him to roping, and since then he has been actively competing in both events. Brandon says his grandpa has helped him the most with the bulls and ropes. He is presently working for him after school. Between working and school he practices roping as much as he can and has been riding more than ever.

Brandon concludes, "I plan to continue rodeoing for a very long time and hopefully turn pro someday."



Above: Rodeo competition continues in all kinds of weather, as Brandon Mauksch urges his horse through the mud at Turlock.

Left: Staying mounted on a bucking bull isn't easy, but Brandon hangs on.

Lower Left: Here comes a "live" one, but Brandon is in charge of the situation.



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Mike Westwood  
Karen Whitaker

Deanna Weldy  
Leonard Wheaton  
Paula White



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Arthur Woods

Shelly Wyatt

Robyn Whitman  
Shon Williams  
David Wilson  
Carl Zap

Randy Williams  
Tammy Williams  
Henry Wilson  
Teresa Zuniga



Amanda Adams  
Rafael Alvarez  
Maria Ayala

Terri Adams  
Refugio Alvarez  
Jennifer Azevedo

Larry Ackerman  
Kunthea Am  
David Baker

Hermelinda Aguayo  
Robert Amos  
Chad Basore

Isidro Aguayo  
Pauline Anaya  
Freddy Batt

George Aguirre  
Robert Anderson  
Russell Black

Kristina Aguirre  
Aracelia Apreza  
Lonnie Blair

Lourdes Ahumada  
Richard Arias  
Louis Bland



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Gina Brooks  
Robert Campbell  
John Chapman

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Theresa Brophy  
Charles Carpenter  
Kathy Chastain

Donald Borrelli  
Sherry Brownlee  
Robert Carrillo  
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Charles Clem

Marnie Bradford  
Debra Butler  
Socorro Castro  
Frank Coleman

Jeff Brackett  
Richard Butler  
Julio Cerna  
Rosa Contreras



Ismael Alberto  
Jesus Astorga  
David Bennett

Mario Alvarez  
Norma Astorga  
Angie Bonaes

## Class of '86 Learns Basics of Panther Heritage

by John Hallford

Every year, as another class graduates and moves on, a new freshman class moves up to replace the gap and become in turn a future graduating class. As the city continues to grow, so does the size of these new freshman classes. The freshman class statistically grows more rapidly each year than any of the other classes. Although the size of the freshman class was expected to decrease considerably after the first month of school, the ninth graders ended up being nearly a third of the total student body, even after a decline of almost one hundred students.

The tradition of upperclassmen initiating freshmen has decreased in prevalence and severity over the years, but there were still occasional attempts at "orientation" during the first month of school. Most of the freshmen endured the teasing good-naturedly, dreaming of

the time when their first year was over and they would have the opportunity to be on the other end of the conflict.

The Class of '86, as with most freshman classes, got off to an extremely slow start where fundraisers were concerned. At the end of December, they organized a bake sale and a newspaper drive, which brought in funds to get them going on the road to a solvent future.

Nonetheless, the freshmen had difficulty finding the spirit and enthusiasm to organize into a strongly unified group, and their efforts remained mostly fragmented and unpredictable. When asked to comment about the newest class at Modesto, Mr. H.L. Clark replied, "Individually, the members of the Class of 1986 were among the best entering MHS in some years. However, they didn't attain the degree of school spirit and class cooperation needed to become an outstanding class."



Upper Left: On Stuffed Animal Day, Jennifer Jackson and Kari Camelio stroll through the courtyard with their favorite pets.

Upper Right: On Freshman Orientation Day a group of incoming freshmen look over each other's class schedules.

Above, Freshman Class Officers: Betty Chavez, rep; Mary Bornmann, vice president; Shelly Wilson, president; Carl Gisler, treasurer.

Left, Freshman Class Advisors: H.L. Clark, Marvin Lundquist.

Rosa Bravo  
George Calhoun  
Jerry Chandler  
Tracy Conway

John Bringas  
Robert Camden  
Vera Chapa  
Jose Cortez

Modesto High is like a melting pot preparing you for the world outside.  
—Darlene Carvalho





Leroy Cota  
Steve Cousins  
Raymond Cox

Shane Cottrell  
Mike Cowser  
Dennis Crocker



Marius Croitoru  
Keith Cunha  
Dirk Deberry  
Israel De la Rosa

Sonia Cueto  
Fred Davis  
Greg Deeter  
Matthew Denlinger



Ralph Dehart

Billy Devine

Chris Dias

Kelly Dias

Lina Dias

Angela Diaz



## Becky Peeper

by Paula Peeper

**I** like to run for the satisfaction of winning a race after a lot of hard work," said Becky Peeper, junior olympic champion.

Becky started running competitively in the seventh grade. During one of her track meets, Mr. Marlin, head of the Marlinetts Track Teams of Modesto, saw Becky break a track record in the 400. He approached her afterward and asked her to join his track club. Not surprisingly, she accepted his invitation.

Since joining the Marlinetts Track Team, Becky has run in races all over California. She qualified for the Nationals in Los Angeles in the 400 and the mile and two mile relays. She then went on to run in Oregon in the 400, 400 relay, and mile relay.

In her eighth grade year, Becky began placing first and second in her events at



almost every meet in which she competed. During that same year she went to Canada and ran the 400 and 800. Her continuous wins qualified her for the Junior Olympic Regional Championships in Reno, where she placed first in each of her four events.

When Becky started running competitively she was timed at 62.0 for the 400. In the eighth grade she ended her season with a 59.1 time. Now, her goal is to run a 57.0. With courageous strength and great endurance, Becky's coach feels she can do anything she puts her mind to. Becky hopes he's right!



Above: Becky Peeper jogs through the countryside near her home.

Upper Right: Becky tries to run several miles every day.

Right: The bulletin board trophy display is running over.



Longevity evokes a sense of pride and dignity, and these are the feelings I have for MHS in the Centennial Year.  
—Hazel Bates





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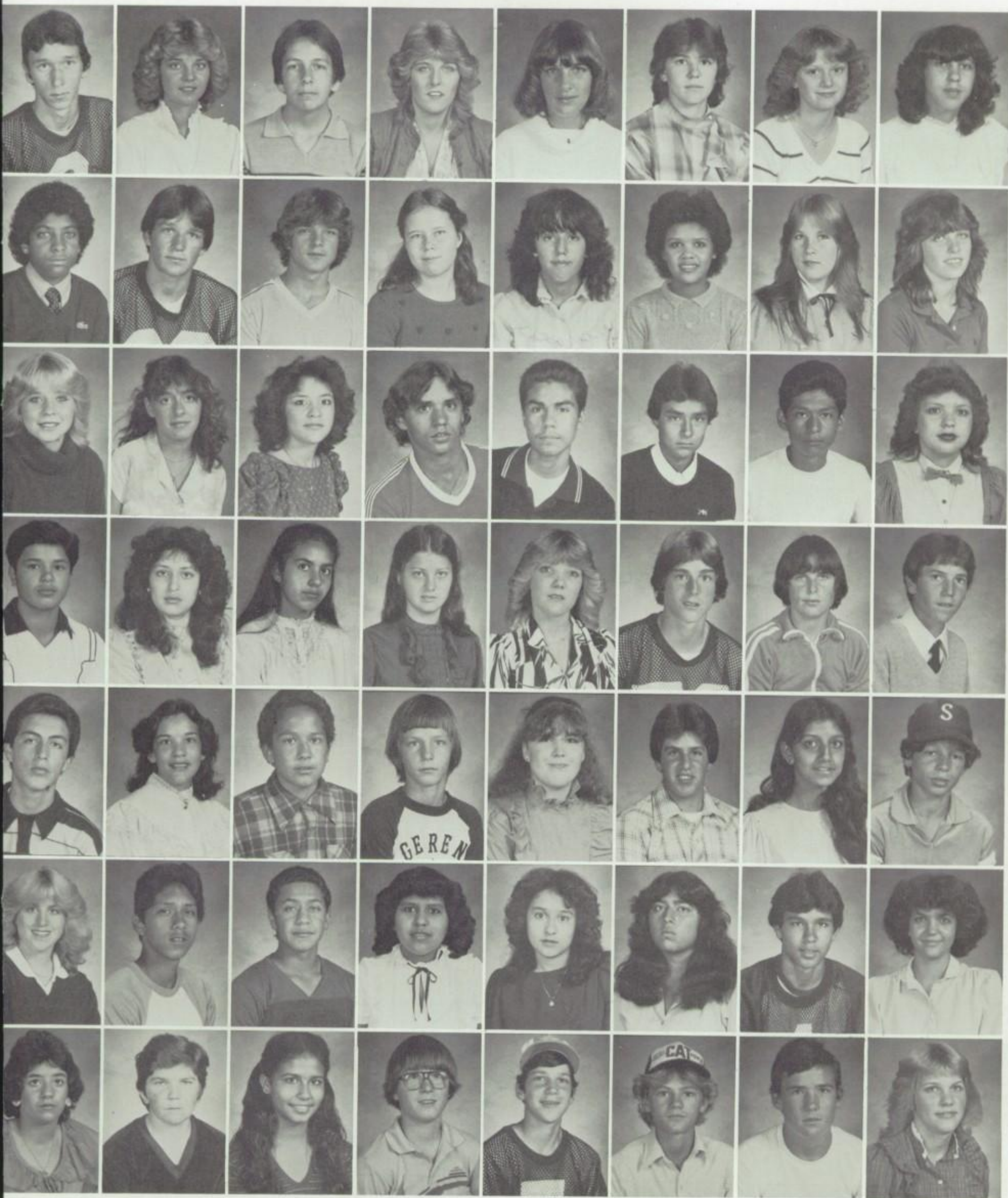
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Nona Edwards  
Louie Figueroa

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Michelle Ehrler  
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Rodney Gratton

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Jose Gaxiola  
Jose Gomez  
Daizy Grewal

Birdie Ford  
Mike Geren  
Raquel Gomez  
Allen Griffith

Casey Foust  
LeeAnn Gilbert  
Claudia Gonzales  
Eric Grimes

Jerry Fox  
Carl Gisler  
Gracie Gonzales  
Harold Gunter

Randy Franklin  
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Mario Gonzales  
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Johnny Garcia  
Troy Glenn  
Angie Gonzalez  
Shelley Hamilton



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Karla Hill

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Richard Holland

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Marcella Hernandez  
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Darren Hawkins  
Sally Hernandez  
Michelle Howe

Jim Hayes  
Silvia Hernandez  
Becky Howell

Lisa Hayes  
Brian Hilario  
Shawn Hunstable

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Stacy Hiler  
Traci Hunstable



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Shane Lackey

Walter Jarvis  
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John Kidd  
Luke Lahman



# ESL—MHS is Helping the Melting Pot

by Pat Durr

The Modesto High School District has recognized its moral and legal commitment to provide students from other countries and cultures the opportunity to learn English and to develop an understanding of the history and culture of California and the United States. These students must learn to listen, speak, read, and write the English language, in addition to completing the designated classes and passing the six competency tests required of all students for graduation. The challenge is difficult, but the students who are studying English as a Second Language are anxious to master English and understand the culture of the United States, so that they may proceed with their education or enter the working world.

Modesto High School offers these students special classes in English, Social Science, Math, and Reading. In addition, ESL students may also take elective and required courses, according to their individual needs and abilities. There are nineteen different languages spoken in the homes of students within our district. Of the approximately 160 ESL students at MHS, most speak Spanish, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai, or Vietnamese.

Mr. Art Barba, Chapter I Coordinator and resource teacher, oversees the program. The ESL instructors are Mrs. Denise Hewitt, Mr. David Rancano, Mr. Riley Estabrook, and Mr. Patrick Durr. Modesto High, known for its friendly atmosphere and dedicated staff, maintains its fine tradition of welcoming ESL students as important to our school.



Left: Helping students Malay Sok and Chanta Kem, Mr. Pat Durr begins a group discussion.  
Below: Mr. Durr assists students of his ESL classes with homework.



Above: Mr. Durr gives individual attention to the problems Esther Gonzalez and Irma Nevarez are having with their lessons.  
Right: Mr. Pat Durr, instructor and counselor of students who speak little or no English.



Rodney Laird  
Jerry Lara  
Tracy Lawson



Ralph Langerman  
Robert Lauri  
Monique Lee



Pallorn Lee  
James Leggitt  
Michelle Letcher  
Charles Long

Samantha Lee  
Jessica Lemos  
Carolina Lomeli  
Joe Long



Carlos Lopes  
Veeray Lout  
Debra Lovelady

Humberto Lopez  
Russell Love  
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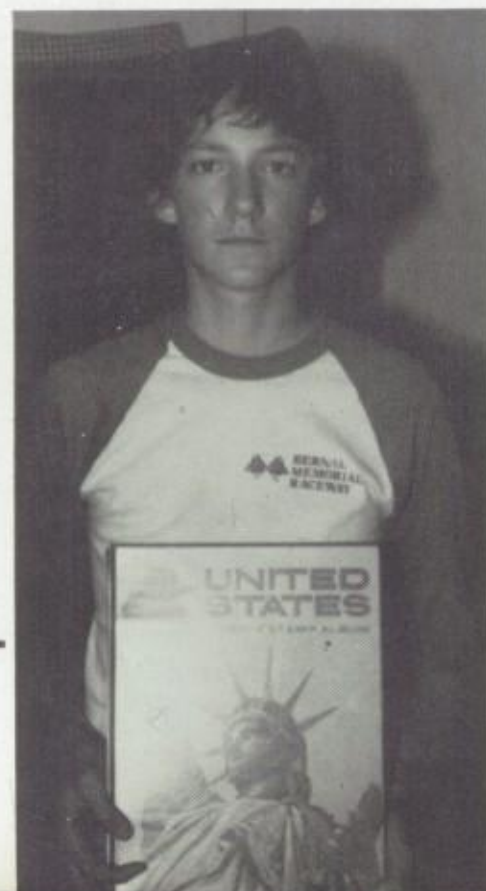
## Greg Deeter

by Rhonda Albright

Although stamp collecting isn't an exciting hobby for most people, it's very engrossing to freshman Greg Deeter.

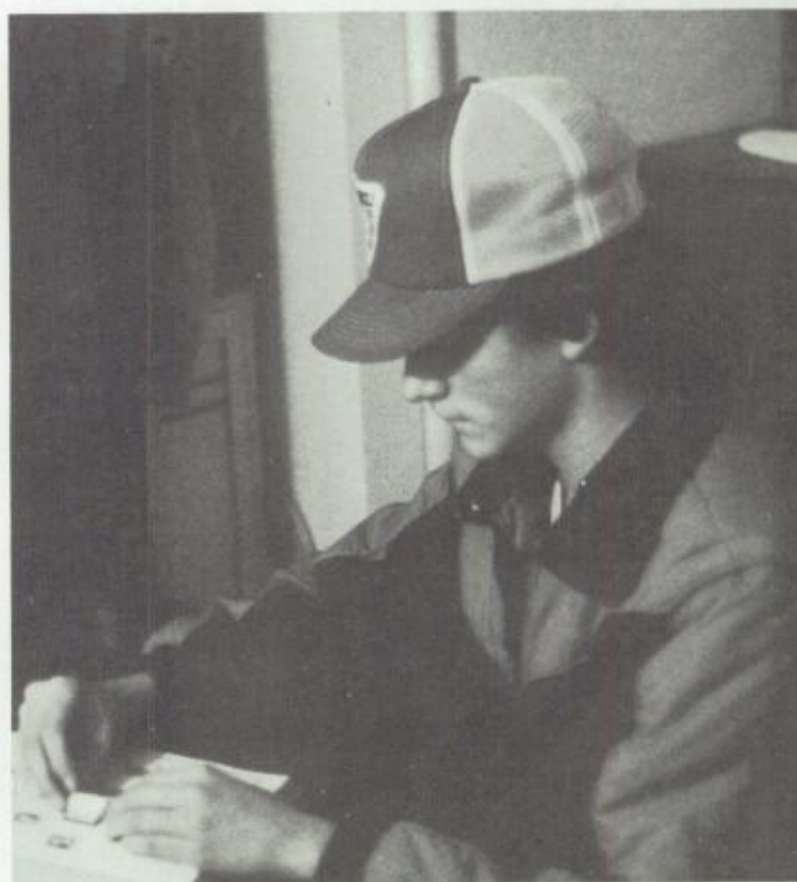
Greg's involvement with stamps became very important to him once he discovered the challenge of collecting them from around the world, and that some of them had tremendous value. Realizing how important it is to keep his stamps in good condition, Greg places all of them in albums soon after he gets them.

To learn more about the background, upkeep, and significance of stamps, Greg is a member of The Stanislaus Stamp Collecting Club. Greg enjoys the monthly meetings he attends. He stated, "I get a chance to meet new people and to trade and sell different stamps from my collection." The Club holds an annual show each year. In 1981, Greg was fortunate enough to win the honor of designing the postmark for the Modesto Post Office.



Having roughly \$6,000 worth of stamps, Greg spends about five hours each week working on it, of which he enjoys his US stamps the most. A study of the old stamps which have been issued is like a miniature history lesson of this country, and actually touching the stamps someone used a hundred years ago or more is a link with the past. Greg's favorite stamp is the first one the Post Office issued. It is a Franklin stamp printed in 1847. At that time it was worth five cents, but today its value has risen to \$800, making it the most expensive stamp in his collection.

Greg concludes, "For most people, stamp collecting is boring, but to me, it's not only interesting, but well worth it."



Left: Displaying his stamp album, Greg Deeter shows great pride.

Upper Left: These 12 stamps are the most valuable in Greg's collection.

Upper Right: Greg keeps his stamp collection in these three stamp albums.

Above: Pasting new stamps into his albums is one of Greg's pastimes.



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*It is an honor and privilege to be one of the student body attending Modesto High School during its one hundredth year of existence. —Aura Lee Millard*



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Oravanh Phouaypha  
Stephanie Presley

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Tom Pierce  
Nina Price

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Suzette Piscitello  
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Mike Rosa

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Richard Rushing

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Brian Rivera  
Mike Romo  
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Joe Reynosa  
Jose Rivera  
Nick Romo  
Danny Sabala

Jana Rhine  
Sharon Roberts  
Marvin Ron  
Simon Sabala





# Elite Gymnasts

by Sabrina Farris

**I**t's hard work. It takes time and devotion but I love it because it's fun," enthuses freshman Sherry Brownlee about her favorite activity, gymnastics. Both Sherry and sophomore Kris Wing have been members of the US Academy of Elite Gymnasts since April, 1982.

The girls practice at least three days a week for three hours at a time under the supervision of coach and owner Jim Trost. Sherry has been involved in gymnastics programs since she was nine. Having that past experience gives her the advantage she needs when competing. At this time, the girls are limited to participation in state competitions, but in 1984 they will both advance into national competitions in places such as Hawaii and Idaho.

Since the academy's age limit is 18 years old, both girls plan to continue the sport through to college. Kris stated, "I



want to keep on competing in high school and college. Someday I hope to coach in my own gym. In the near future though, I hope to coach for Jim at the Club."

Kris' highest score was a 9.1 on bars and Sherry's was a 9.1 on vault.

Their goal for the year is to win the section meet in high school competition, since both of them are key members on Modesto High's varsity team.



Above: Concentration and flexibility are required for Kris wing to do a good beam routine.

Upper Right: Kris uses her excellent balance to hold a handstand on the beam.

Right: Sherry Brownlee practices a routine for her favorite event, the bars.



Rema Sain  
Livier Salazar  
Juan Sanchez

Eva Salazar  
Arturo Sanchez  
Connie Sandoval



Bill Sciarini Sinorn Seng Steve Shaffer Donna Shaw Elizabeth Shaw Lloyd Shaw Jaime Sandoval Jose Sarmiento Tammy Scarbrough Keo Silim Martin Sandoval Thavy Savath Tammy Schneider Isaura Silveira



Modesto High, without a doubt, is the friendliest school in town. During our Centennial Year, more than any other, the students have demonstrated their pride in MHS and their school spirit. I am certain they will continue to exhibit these qualities in the next 100 years.

—Jim Kenyon



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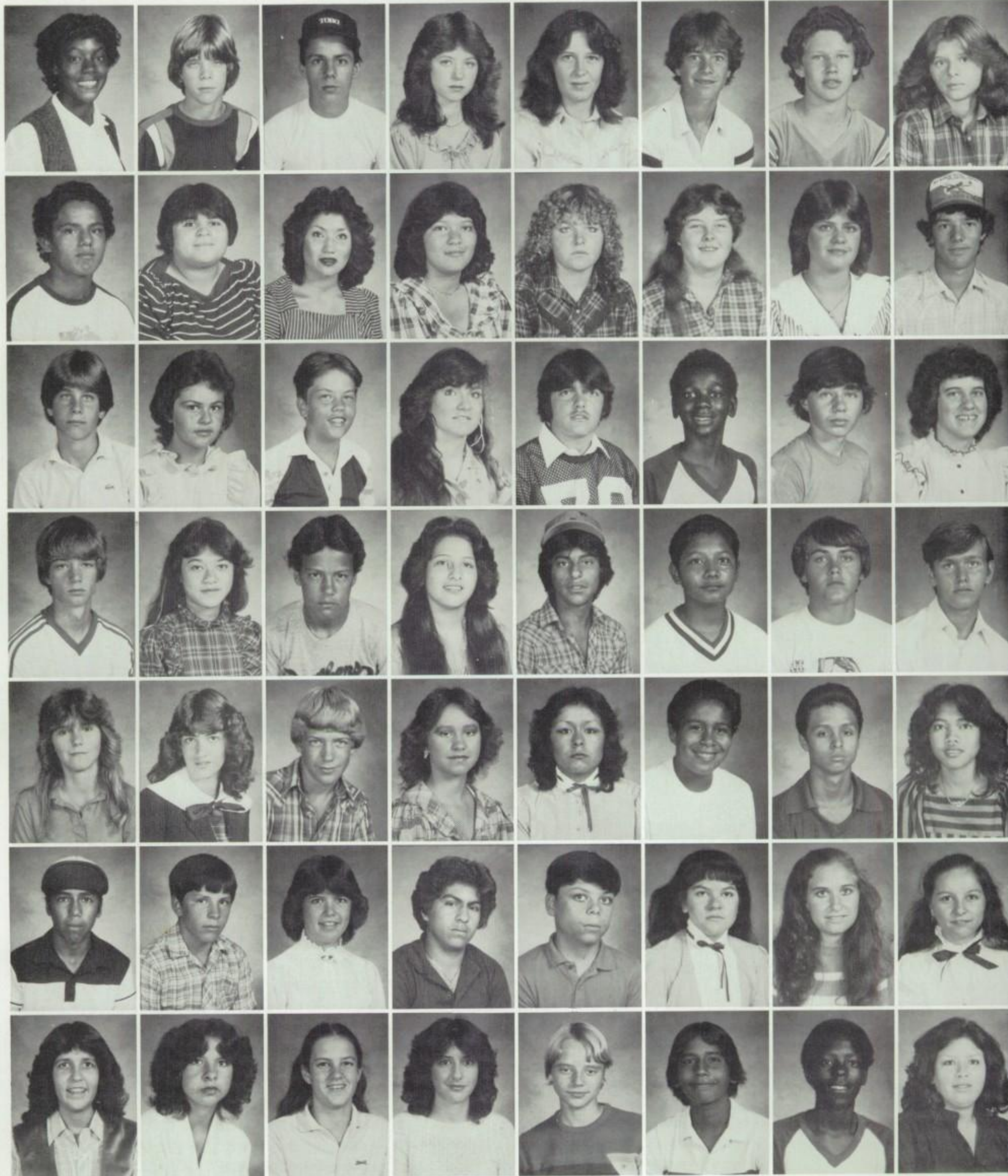
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Kim Vlach

Josephine Torres  
Shannon Vanderburg  
Jimmy Vento  
Betina Walser

Lucianu Toste  
Margaret Vargas  
Armando Vera  
Chris Walter

Juan Trejo  
Ruben Vargas  
Judy Vera  
Roger Wani

James Turner  
Simon Vasques  
Ruth Vera  
Myron Warren

Keith Turner  
Mom Vath  
Yolanda Vera  
Sylvia Wartan





# Mike Romo

by Sandi Grover



An ancient and exciting hobby, martial arts has long intrigued people from all different nations. Originating in the Orient, there are many different forms of this sport.

A freshman at Modesto High, Mike Romo has become intrigued with the history, practice, and discipline of the martial arts. Mike became interested in them when he began watching the different kinds of self-defense and fighting arts that are in use around the world.

Mike and his twin brother Nick began taking lessons in the martial arts in Arizona three years ago, starting with karate. Upon moving with their family to Modesto, they again began taking

lessons, this time at Lopez's Academy of Martial Arts here in town. Although Nick was only casually interested and now rarely attends the Academy, Mike's interest grew rapidly.

At the Academy, various ranks or degrees of skill and knowledge are shown by different colors of belt worn around the waist. The order goes from white for beginners through yellow, green, brown and red to black for the most advanced. Now wearing a yellow belt, Mike feels he is about ready to take the test to become a green belt.

The style he is studying now is called Tae Kwon Do, which is an ancient form. Since beginning here in Modesto, Mike is learning how to use the numchucks and throwing stars, types of weapons.

Mike has participated in eight Martial Arts Tournaments, at which he won six trophies and other various awards and medals. Mike says, "I enjoy martial arts very much. I'm just now starting to work my way up, but I can already see how valuable these skills can be to me."



Above: Practicing self-defense with a partner, Mike Romo throws a make-believe mugger over his back.

Left: Showing his technique, Mike displays one of the many kicks he has learned in the martial arts.

Lower Left: Mike is currently learning how to use the three-sticks, and strikes a menacing pose.



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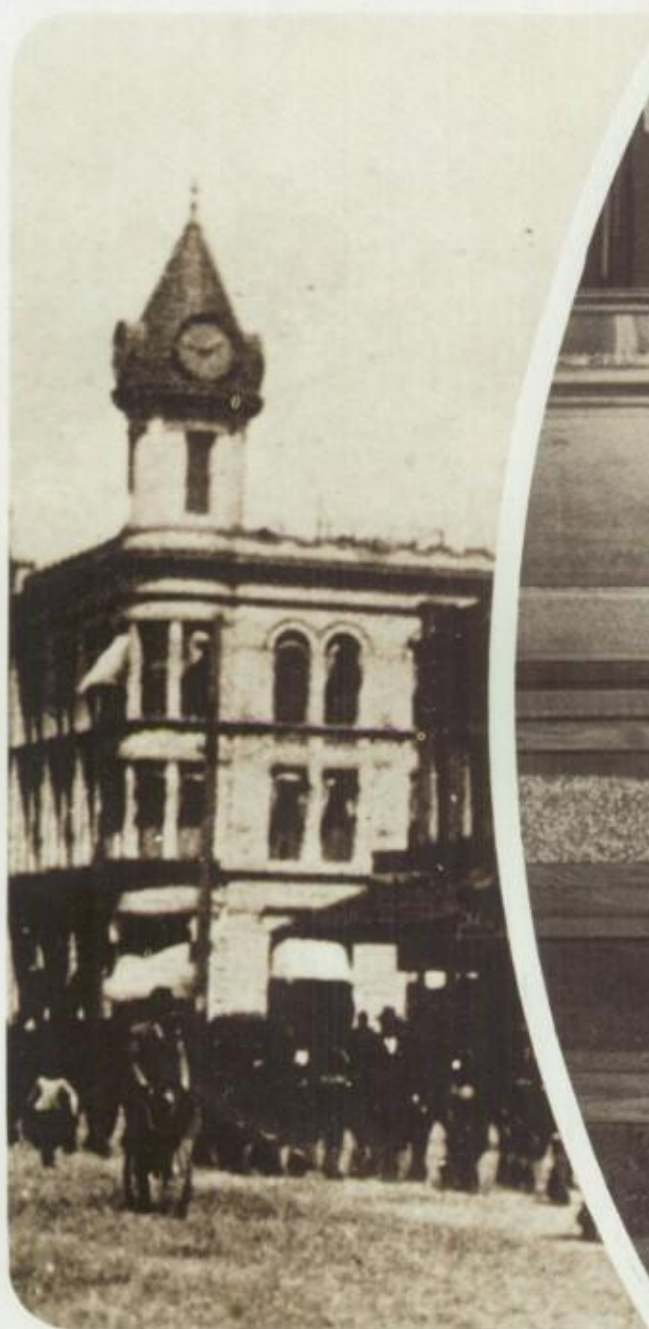
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# A Century

by Stephanie Frazier



Above: Almost any event was the occasion for a parade in the early days; in 1898 troops march through town as they prepare to leave for the Spanish-American War.

Right: Checking the feel of a piece of gingham, Susie Grover and Denise Presley bargain with General Store "proprietor" Philip Henry at the McHenry Museum.





# of Promotion

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Modesto High has been the center for activities and involvement in the community throughout its colorful history. In the past 100 years students have striven to enjoy their high school stay to the fullest. Getting involved in extra-curricular activities such as sports and clubs always played a major part in that fulfillment. The four different buildings which have served as the home of Modesto High during the past century weathered the coming and going of thousands of students who left behind inspired ideas that even today flourish in the halls of the present structure.

From the first Sycamore in 1910 (containing only 32 pages), each yearbook staff has struggled to produce a quality book filled with items to document their stay at Modesto High. With the exception of the year 1918, MHS journalism students have annually published a book. The early yearbooks were almost entirely composed of stories, essays, poems and jokes written by students, with advertisements of local businesses and stores.

The yearbook of today is much different. It is no longer a collection of literary writings. Containing many sections, it describes every aspect of student life. With the advancements of modern photography and improved printing procedures, colorful pictures are now displayed on every page, unlike the days when pictures were a rarely-seen "treat."

As academics, attitudes and activities evolve, each yearbook staff attempts to produce a book that reflects its students' interests and needs. By glancing through old yearbooks, one can relive the past through the eyes of students who came before. Each page reveals how these students coped with the ever-changing lifestyles they encountered. With the closing of 1983, its reality also becomes a memory of the past.

Panther Heritage remains an elusive term: pride, spirit, involvement, commitment, quality; all these and yet much more. In years to come, students will struggle with new ideas and activities, but a look into the past will always help the advancements of the future.



Left: John A. Cooper, first yearbook editor, graduated in 1911.

Below: The 1956 Homecoming Parade in downtown Modesto featured convertibles, floats, and crowds of people.



Above: Frolic Day, an annual event for many years, featured Miss Elsie Beyer, Dean of Girls, in the cow milking contest of May, 1946.



# A Century of Promotion



by Dalinda Angelo

Each year is special in many ways, but the 1983 school year was one of extraordinary excitement and pride as the 100th year of MHS came to its spectacular close. For the seniors, graduating during Modesto High's Centennial year was a special honor. Ending their four-year "bondage" gave them a unique opportunity to serve in the transition from students to alumni, just as all around them old friends of the school "came home" again to celebrate.

1983 marked more than just 100 years of glory. MHS successfully finished its first year of participation in the Valley Oak League. Facing unfamiliar rivals brought difficulties to Panther teams. In many sports the competition was rated as tougher than that of the Central California Conference, yet the Panthers were able to snag the laurels of several champion-



Upper Left: An MHS student group poses in April, 1887; among the surnames are Fuller, Curtis, Simmons, Wood, Prewitt, Marning, Hunt, Brosen, Hudson, Brown and Cawdry. Center Left: Charles and Maria Binda, students at MHS and grandparents of Richard Brunetti, pose for their wedding picture in 1914.

Left: A member of the 1924 English Department, Lucetta Kallenbarger gets all dressed up for Frolic Day. Above: Shanie Bentley, Kim Grimes, Dianne McHale and Stephanie Heersink join spiritleaders-turned-football-players Michelle Simar, Suzie Beckwith and Pam Ketchum in loudly cheering at the fall King's Rally.



ship races.

A stiff new attendance policy went into effect in early January, requiring all students who were tardy to class to be processed through the attendance office. A third offense resulted in a Parent Conference suspension, so that in the early weeks of the new year members of the administration were busy every afternoon and early morning with counseling sessions. Despite a generalized grumbling from the students, the new policy was effective, as students literally ran to class to beat the tardy bell.

A controversial new rally schedule for the coming year was proposed in the spring semester. No longer would rallies be held at the end of the day with attendance optional. Instead, they would become similar in nature

to the assembly schedule, with attendance mandatory, and held earlier in the day.

Teachers and students alike commented on the improvement of spirit and pride displayed during the Centennial Year. More people attended sports events and more participated in individual activities, such as rally and club meetings. Panthers did well in a wide range of activities from debate to band competition to sports to journalism productions. Involvement and enthusiasm were "in" again, as everyone joined in the celebration.

The long-anticipated event is over and the 100th year is history. Students have said their tearful goodbyes, promising never to forget the Centennial Celebrations of which they were a part, fondly taking with them a sense of pride in a school that is loved by all involved.



Upper Left: Crystal Lindsay, Debbie Whitworth, Ray Chavez, Oscar Vega and Jackie Langerman show their craziness on the band's Senior Night. Upper Right: Lori Howell and Chris Aldana get the sales pitch from Rodney Ripoff at the yearbook assembly. Left: Trying to be "cool" on 50's Day,

seniors Joanne Potts and Phyllis Mercer strike a pose. Above Left: Senior Jeff Bradley drinks to victory in the root beer Chug-A-Lug Contest at a noon rally. Above Right: Getting into the beat of the music at the MASA dance, a crowd of students and their guests enjoys the chance to boogie.



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## OPINION

Questionnaires were distributed to randomly selected groups of students which represent a cross section of the MHS student body.

1. What do you plan to do after high school?

A. college	67%
B. vocational school	4%
C. work	20%
D. military	9%

2. Where do you plan to go to college?

A. Modesto JC	59%
B. Cal State Stanislaus	11%
C. other	30%

(answers included Harvard, Berkeley, Davis, San Jose, Fresno, Santa Cruz, USC, UCLA, Devry Institute, Cal Lutheran, Biola, and Fresno Pacific)

3. Why have you made this choice about your future plans?

I plan to prepare myself for the choice I've made. I have long range goals for which I need a college education.  
—Rena Barnhill, senior

Things are going to get harder in the future and you are going to have to get a good job to live.  
—Connie Sandoval, freshman

I would like to learn better career skills.  
—Lydia Franco, senior

I don't want to sit around; I want to make something out of life!  
—Florence Lugo, freshman

I want to get more education in computers.  
—Porfirio Aguirre, senior

I already know who I am going to work for, so I don't need college.  
—Deanna Haro, freshman

I plan to be a veterinarian.

—Erin Wray, senior

College is too expensive and takes too much time.

—Mickey Jordan, freshman

I plan to be a lawyer, and it's important to go to a **good** school.

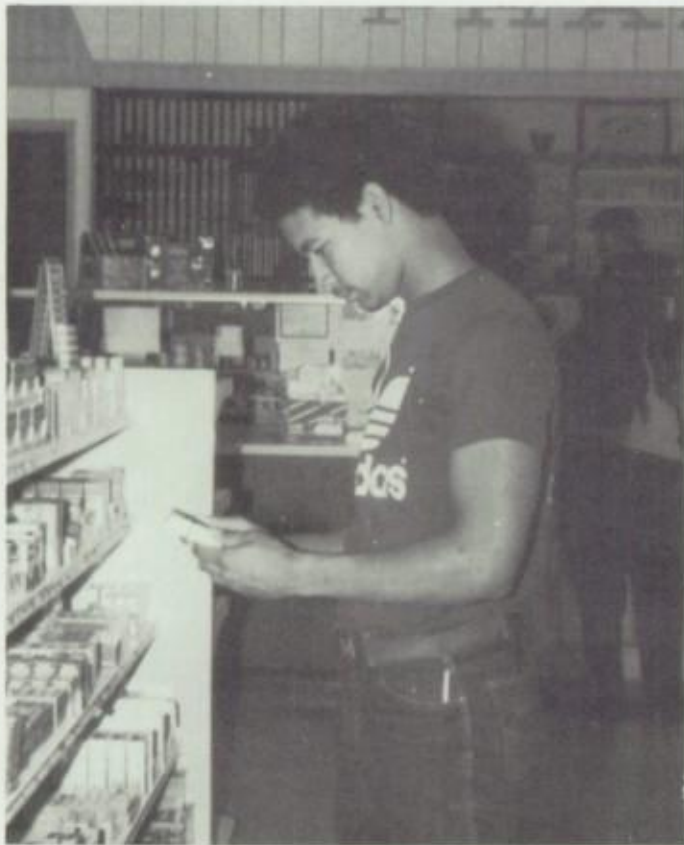
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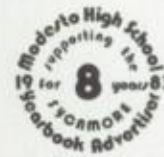
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A. almost never	29%
B. 1 - 5 times a week	60%
C. 6 - 10 times a week	11%
- When do you go out most often?
 

A. breakfast	3%
B. lunch	34%
C. dinner	63%
- When you go out to eat, is it usually a special occasion?
 

A. yes	25%
B. no	75%
- What types of food do you like best?
 

A. fast food (hamburgers, fries)	25%
B. Mexican (tacos, burritos)	26%
C. Italian (pizza, spaghetti)	22%
D. Oriental (Chinese, Japanese, etc.)	11%
E. American dinners	16%
- Comment on why you choose restaurants or food service locations.

To have a good time with my friends and I get to get out of the house. —Jaime Martinez, junior

They have more of a variety of food than our own kitchen does.

—Monica Cuevas, freshman

It's nice to eat out once in a while so you can try something different.

—Traci Hunstable, freshman

Restaurants take their time in serving you the best; fast foods give you a rush job. —Camilla Tillman, junior

I choose a place to eat for the quality of the food, service, and type of environment. —Jessie Lemos, freshman

I don't like to do the dishes.

—Shellie Wilson, freshman

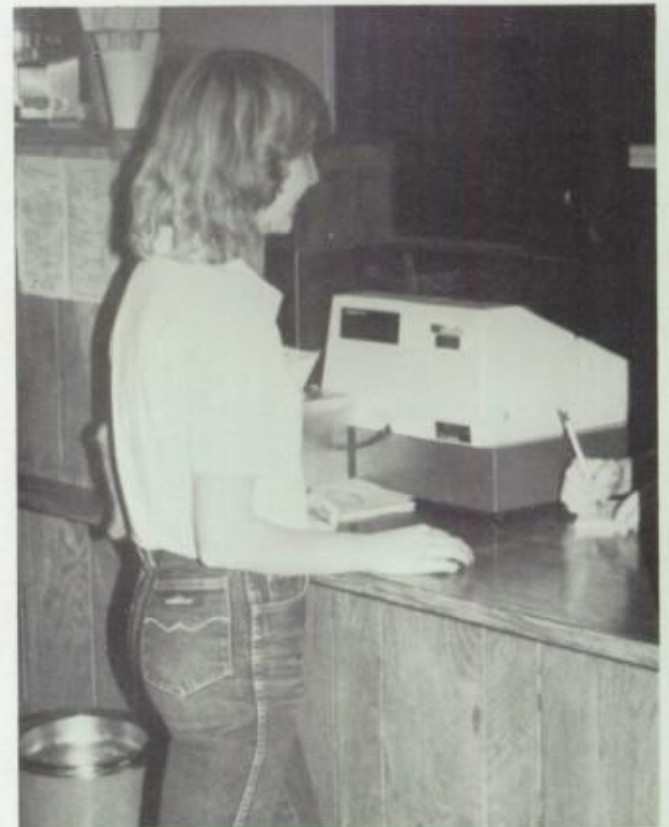
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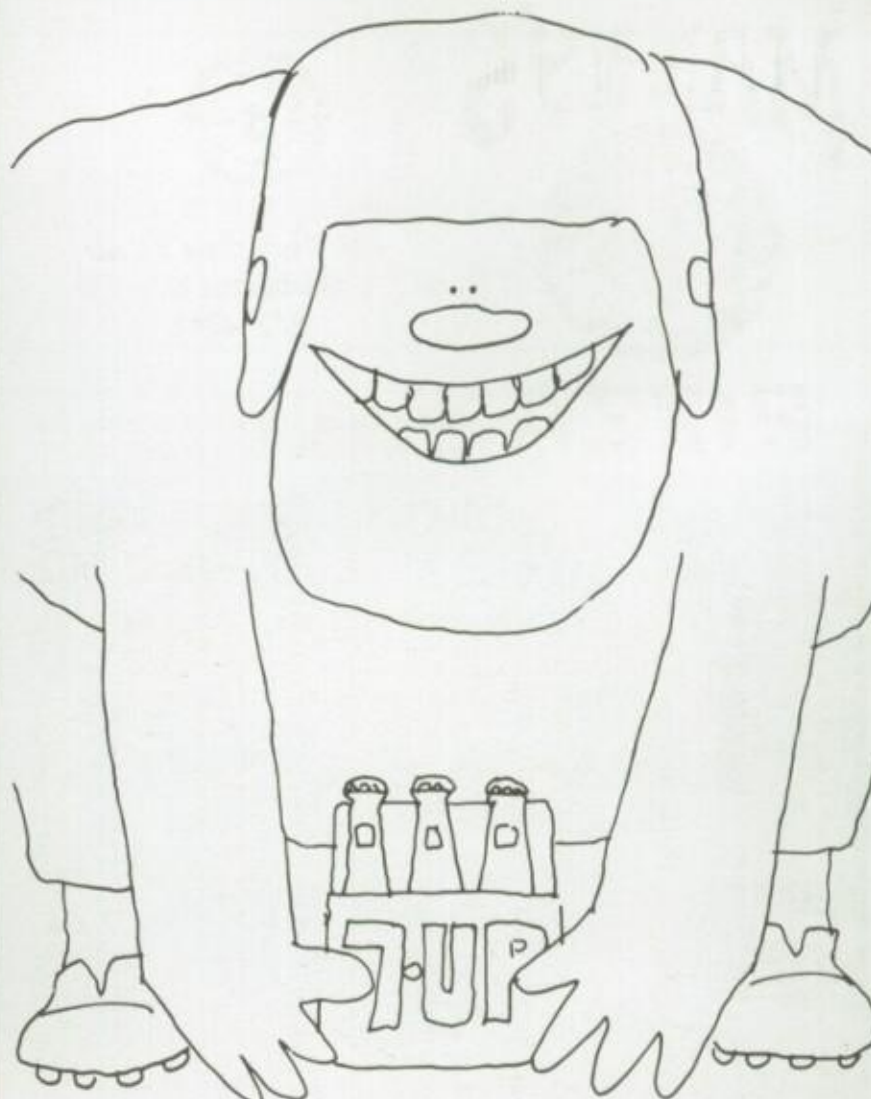
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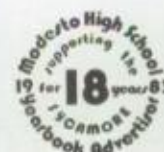
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A. walk	20%
B. ride a bike	10%
C. drive or get a ride	48%
D. take the bus	20%
E. other	2%
2. How would you prefer to get to school?
 

A. walk	7.5%
B. ride a bike	3%
C. drive or get a ride	82%
D. take the bus	4.5%
E. other	3%
3. Approximately how much do you spend on gas in a week?
 

A. \$15 or more	28.5%
B. \$10 - \$13	23%
C. \$5 - \$9	25.5%
D. \$4 or less	23%
4. How do you service your car?
 

A. professional services	29%
B. get a friend to help	22%
C. your own labor	49%
5. Comment on how current gas prices affect you.
 

I love those lower prices!  
—Stephanie Heersink, junior

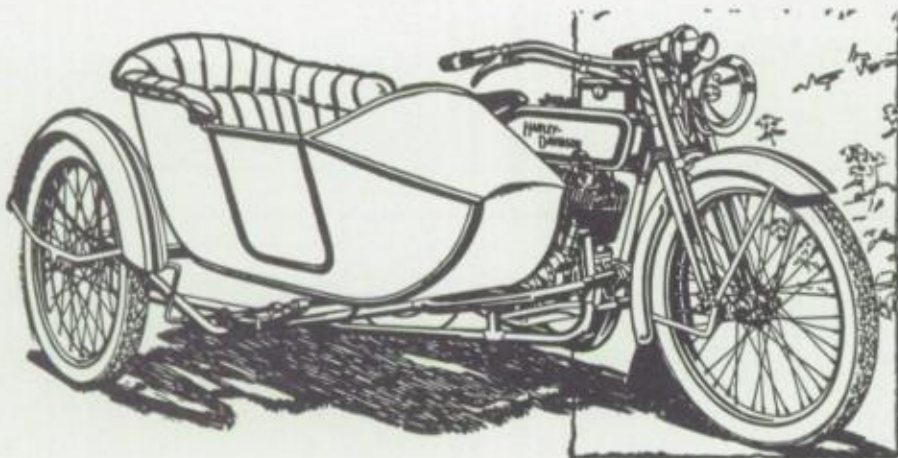
My parents spend a lot of money on gas. The price is outrageous!  
—Penni Coats, sophomore

They affect where we go on vacation, and whether we even go or not.  
—Christina Rosales, sophomore
6. Comment on your ideas about transportation.
 

Paying 50¢ a day to ride the school bus is a stupid thing.  
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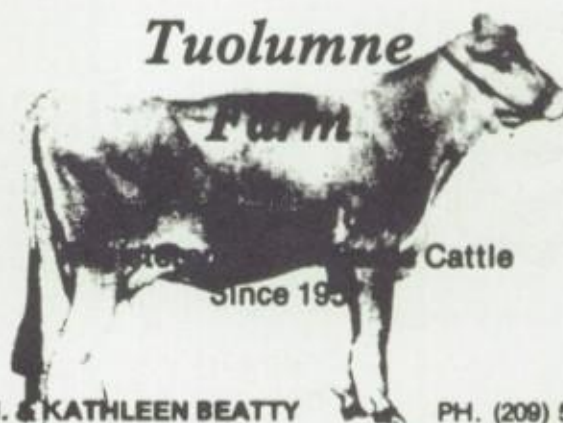
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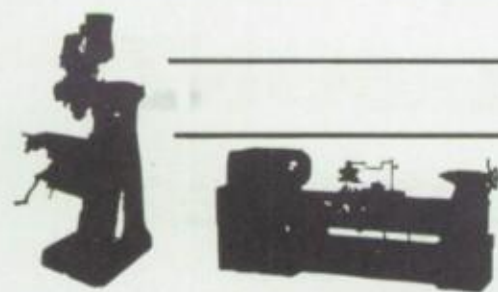


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## OPINION

Questionnaires were distributed to randomly selected groups of students which represent a cross section of the MHS student body.

1. What type of clothing do you usually wear to school?

- A. jeans and T-shirt 41.5%
- B. casual 40%
- C. sporty 10%
- D. dressy 4%
- E. other 4.5%

2. What types of shoes do you usually wear?

- A. hiking boots 9%
- B. platforms 1%
- C. casual shoes 34%
- D. tennis shoes 43%
- E. cowboy boots 13%

3. Do you follow clothes trends?

- A. yes 35%
- B. no 65%

4. Do you wear a hat of any kind?

- A. yes 42%  
(cowboy hats and baseball caps were mentioned most often)
- B. no 58%

5. Comment on why you choose the clothes you wear.

I like to be myself, but not too outdated. Mostly, my clothes tell my mood. —Janna Caldwell, junior

They suit my style of living and to me they're comfortable.

—Deborah Barnhart, sophomore

I wear what I like, not what others like. —John Shaw, junior

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1. What type of music do you like to listen to?
 

A. rock	41%
B. disco	2%
C. country/western	21%
D. pop	7%
E. soul	21%
F. jazz	3%
G. classical	5%
2. What kinds of dances do you prefer?
 

A. informal	36%
B. semi-formal	30%
C. formal	18%
D. disco	16%
3. What kind of music do you prefer at dances?
 

A. fast	4%
B. slow	26%
C. both	70%
4. Comment on your favorite singer or group.

I am a big fan of Pat Benetar. I like her unique way of singing.

—Loree Oaks, junior

I don't have a favorite; I like all kinds of music.

—Celina Hernandez, freshman

I think John Cougar is the best singer; he's cool and has a great voice.

Mary Bornmann, freshman

I like Diana Ross. She knows how to get a crowd going.

—Monica Cuevas, freshman

My favorite is Bob Segar and the Silver Bullet Band. I don't know why but his music is easy to listen to as well as understand.

—Kaye Turner, sophomore



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—Rick Avery

This year has been the busiest but most rewarding of my life. I have long looked forward to being a part of the Centennial; now that it's over, I hope to spend many years recalling this time with fondness. Although not a graduate of MHS, I've spent more of my life here than anywhere else, and I'm glad for that opportunity.

—James Shuman



I'm proud to be a Panther because Modesto High has been around for 100 years and I love it!

—Maria Salsi

As a graduate of MHS, it really gives me a great deal of pride to tell people that I am a part of the Centennial. It involves much work but when each function has been completed it is well worth it, especially when I can say I have the honor of helping MHS celebrate its 100th year!

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### OPINION

Questionnaires were distributed to randomly selected groups of students which represent a cross section of the MHS student body.

1. How do you spend most of your time when you're not in school?

- |                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| A. job               | 13% |
| B. sports            | 13% |
| C. TV, entertainment | 12% |
| D. hobbies           | 12% |
| E. homework          | 7%  |
| F. with friends      | 27% |
| G. other             | 16% |

2. How would you like to spend your time when not in school?

- |                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| A. job               | 24%   |
| B. sports            | 11.5% |
| C. TV, entertainment | 6%    |
| D. hobbies           | 10%   |
| E. homework          | 1.5%  |
| F. with friends      | 32%   |
| G. other             | 15%   |

3. What type of movies do you enjoy seeing?

- |                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| A. western      | 6%  |
| B. comedy       | 35% |
| C. romance      | 22% |
| D. horror       | 24% |
| E. true to life | 10% |
| F. other        | 3%  |

4. What are your thoughts on cruising McHenry?

- |                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| A. I like it!      | 27% |
| B. it's OK         | 51% |
| C. I don't like it | 22% |

5. Should guys pay the girl's way on a date?

- |                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| A. always                       | 36% |
| B. usually                      | 58% |
| C. Dutch Treat is the way to go | 6%  |

6. Comment on ways you use your leisure time.

I have too much free time and I'd rather have a job.

—Jess Holmes, senior

I have a job but would rather be messing around.

—Mark Oreglia, freshman

Just being with friends is a great way to have fun!

—Kimberly Rancour, sophomore

Going for a ride in the mountains, just going out to see different sights.

—Sandra Ortega, senior

I work in the afternoons during the week and would like to be able to spend more time on the hobbies I have.

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I would like to be working, because I really need the money and I don't like to just sit around doing nothing.

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—Michelle Azevedo



## OPINION

Questionnaires were distributed to randomly selected groups of students which represent a cross section of the MHS student body.

1. What is your favorite subject in school?

A. sciences	17%
B. social sciences	6%
C. mathematics	25%
D. vocational	14%
E. arts	16%
F. other	22%

(PE, English, and foreign languages were mentioned most often)

2. How do you feel about the basic competency tests?

A. a good thing	66%
B. not necessary	17%
C. too easy	7%
D. too hard	5%
E. don't measure what we learn	5%

3. How do you feel about the lack of Summer School?

A. don't care	59%
B. wish we had one	34%
C. other	7%

4. Which class or course has been most valuable to you in school?

Driver ed has been the most valuable course because it helped me get my license.

—Beatriz Velasquez, sophomore

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—Yolanda Allute, junior

Science and biology are most valuable to me because I want to go into medicine.

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Mathematics because I'm finally learning something and I'll be able to use it later when I go to college.

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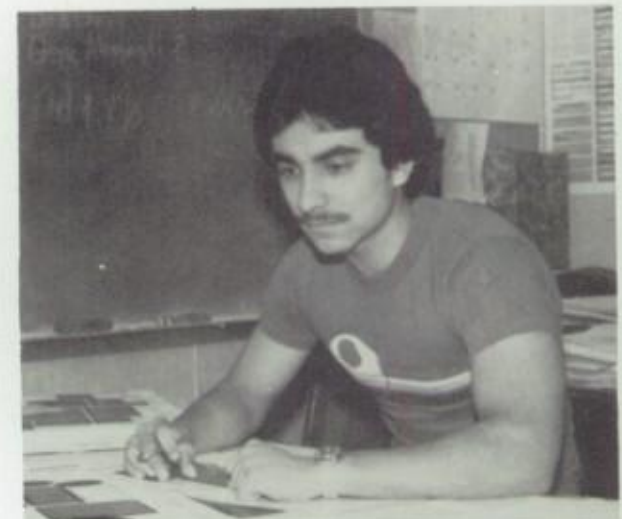
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**Top:** Production manager Joe Gallardo checks paste-ups with copy and photos.  
**Above:** Advisor Jim Shuman takes a turn at the typesetting keyboard.



## Colophon

**T**rying to tell the story of the year in more than usual detail while also telling the story of the past 100 years, the 39 members of the 1983 **Sycamore** Staff soon found themselves struggling to meet deadlines. Failure to keep commitments and staff resignations added to the problems. Record unemployment and bankruptcies were reflected in sluggish ad sales despite an intensive campaign. Record rainfall throughout February and March made spring sports and spirit coverage unpredictable and difficult.

The 1050 copies of **Sycamore 83** were printed by Taylor Publishing Company of Dallas, Texas, with expert advice and invaluable assistance from sales representative Gary Donnell of Rocklin, California.

Books were again sold as part of the start-of-school Student Body Package, with the regular sale coming in October at \$20 each. Partly because of the community wide promotion, total sales increased by nearly 200 copies for the second year in a row, and ad sales, while still below the 1981 record, increased by

\$1200 to approximately \$7500.

The 296 pages are printed on 80 lb. gloss enamel paper. Body copy used throughout the book was 11 pt. Goudy Oldstyle, except division pages in 12 pt. Goudy Bold and the opening chapter in 11 pt. Goudy Bold. Captions were in 8 pt. Goudy Bold with the locator words in 9 pt. Goudy Extrabold.

Choosing the theme, "Panther Heritage: A Century of Significance," the staff attempted to relate the past and present in six distinct sections of the book. The oval theme design incorporated the Vivaldi type face at 48 pt., which was used on the contents page at 36 and 30 pt. and division pages at 120 pt. The lead-in initial on the division pages was 84 pt. Cloister, which was also used in the opening and closing sections at 42 pt., with headlines in 60 pt. New Bostonian. Layouts were in 2 column format, with oval pictures and rounded corners. The second section included headlines in Max Bold at 48 pt. and captions without locator words. Layouts were 3 column.

The third section covered both spirit and sports. Spirit pages used 36 pt. Cory

Times Italic headlines; sports pages used 36 pt. Rockwell Bold Italic. Both used 3 column layout. Coaches were pictured in small ovals as a unifying design element. The fourth section covered clubs and academics, using 4 column design and 36 pt. Weiss Extrabold headlines. The fifth section, containing the portraits and profiles (called "Panther Personalities"), used 24 pt. McCullough headlines and oval profiles. Columns varied between 10½ and 15 picas wide.

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Lower Right: Kathy Overgaard takes the switchboard again.  
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Above: Erin Wray takes the scientific approach by examining her hand with the eye-piece of her microscope.  
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Second Right: Adam Quinn and Zusie Zuniga cheer the Panthers during their game against Hayward at Stockton's Spanos Center.

Opposite Page, Upper Left: "Attorney" Chris Beatty cross-examines Orlando Madrid in the sophomore GATE class trial of the Marquis d' Evremonde.

Lower Left: Debbie Bowling and Christine Dhanis work together in Masterpieces as David Absher and David Zehnder try to complete their assignments.

Far Right: During break, Troy Grays, Terryl Torres, Leroy Grays and Robbie Gratton wrestle to be King of the Courtyard.

Pictured on the Back cover are: Sean Wani, Jose Gaxiola, Leroy Giovannoni, Pete Mihelis, Marcos Madrid, Bertha Larry, Mike Nicholson, Sean Shafer, Gary Coonce, Michelle Wignall, Veronica Vasquez, Marlaine Magnus, Lisa Negele.



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Below: Covers of a major newsmagazine and an encyclopedia yearbook tell many of the events of the year.

Right: PLO leader Yassar Arafat addresses a meeting of the PLO Central Council in Damascus.

Opposite Page, Center: An Afghan guerrilla looks over the wreckage of a Soviet helicopter brought down as it tried to aid a convoy under attack in Afghanistan.

Opposite Page, Lower Left: US Marines take cover after terrorists throw a hand grenade at their patrol near Beirut.



## Changes in international leadership

by Jeremy Shuman

**I**t was a year filled with the death or replacement of many heads of state. On June 13 King Khalid of Saudi Arabia suffered a fatal heart attack, and was succeeded on the throne by his half-brother Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz. Four days later, Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri resigned as the president of Argentina. After five days of indecision, Reynaldo Benito Bignone was appointed to the post by a military government. On July 4 Antonio Guzman Fernandez, president of the Dominican Republic, died of self-inflicted gunshot wounds, and was succeeded by his vice president, Jacob Mayluta Azar. On the same day Miguel de la Madrid was elected president of Mexico. July 15 saw the resignation of Bolivian president Celso Torrelío, who was succeeded six days later by Guido Vedoso Calderon. And on July 30 vice president Ricardo de la Espriella Jr. replaced resigning Panamanian president Artistides Royo.

On September 14, Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, was killed by a bomb blast in East Beirut. He was replaced by his brother Amin on the 21st. Bolivia returned to civilian rule when Herman Siles Zuazo

became president on October 10. Cameroon's president Ahmadou Ahidjo, who led the country to independence in 1960, turned the reigns over to prime minister Paul Biya on the 6th of November. Following the death of Russian leader Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, 75, of a heart attack on November 10, the USSR observed four days of mourning. Leadership of the nation fell to Yuri Andropov, former head of the KGB, on November 12. On the 26th of November, Yasuhiro Nakasone became the new prime minister of Japan.

On April 17, 1982, Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed a new Canadian constitution, which makes Canada completely free of Great Britain. Ten days later, China proposed a new constitution, which would drastically change the structure of that nation's government. After nearly a full nine months of waiting, on June 21 Buckingham Palace announced to an eager public the birth of William Arthur Phillip Louis to Prince Charles and Lady Diana. First in line for the throne after his father, he would become King William V if crowned.

The year was also one of international turmoil, with hostilities continuing in the Middle East and the Falkland Islands. Following the death of a soldier killed



I am proud to be a part of Modesto High School in its Centennial Year because I am personally involved with a historic event that is the culmination of 100 years of progress in this city's finest institution of learning.

Students who have the privilege to attend MHS should value the advantage of a school with such a proud heritage. I feel this heritage personally because my father, aunts, uncles, cousins, and three brothers have all attended MHS before me, and sharing memories and recollections of high school with them draws us closer together because of this common experience.

MHS is a great and unique school because it has an enduring spirit of pride, friendliness, and unity that has made its students love it through the years!

—Marilyn Wolf



in Lebanon by a land mine, Israeli war planes attacked Palestinian strongholds in Lebanon on April 21. The violence ended a nine-month cease-fire. On the 25th, Israel completed its withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula as pledged in the treaty of 1979. In order to do so, Israeli citizens who opposed the move were forcibly removed from buildings by police and soldiers, and the buildings themselves bulldozed.

On June 6 the Israeli Army invaded Lebanon. the National Security Council of the UN demanded their withdrawal but were rejected. Within the month, 14,000 people were killed and another 600,000 left homeless. In just 8 days the troops completely encircled Beirut, trapping PLO leaders. On the 4th of August Israeli troops pushed into West Beirut, and on the 12th they bombed the sector for 11 hours from the air. Finally, after 65 days of negotiation, the first 450 members of the PLO boarded ships and left for Cyprus, beginning the PLO evacuation that Israel demanded. A peace-keeping force of 1200 US marines, 1560 French paratroopers and 1400 Italians provided security for the withdrawal.

Then, on September 15, Israeli troops moved into West Beirut despite US protests. In a period from the 16th to the 18th, Lebanese Christian militiamen massacred hundreds of men, women and children in refugee camps in the area. As the result of an extensive investigation, Israeli defense minister Ariel Sharon and four generals were found "indirectly responsible" and Sharon was forced to resign. Although the Israelis pulled back from Beirut, they remained in Lebanon, and negotiations dragged on for their withdrawal.

Other conflicts also continued: the Russian occupation of Afghanistan, the clash between Iraq and Iran, and Vietnamese expansionist attempts against their Thai and Cambodian neighbors.

On April 5, 1982, England sent an armada to recapture the Falkland Islands, seized by Argentina the day before. As the result of public sentiment, Lord Carrington resigned as British foreign secretary. Just over a month later, British troops invaded East Falkland Island and on June 14 Argentine troops surrendered. Total casualties included the loss of 6 British vessels and the Argentine "General Belgrano," a renamed US cruiser.

On the international sports scene, Martina Navratilova and Jimmy Connors won Wimbledon titles, Italy defeated West Germany 3-1 for the Soccer World Cup, and Billy Olsen became the first man ever to vault over 19 feet indoors, with a record 19' 1/4". Also, the World's Fair opened in Knoxville, Tennessee with the theme "Energy Turns the World."

Soviet Cosmonauts Anatoly Berezovoy and Valentin Lebedu landed safely after a record 211 days in space. On October 27 China announced a population of 1,008,175,288 following the largest census in history. For the first time in their 22-month conflict, Iranian troops invaded Iraq. On the 9th of August, a kosher restaurant in a Jewish neighborhood in Paris was bombed, killing 6 people and wounding 22.

Pope John Paul II visited Great Britain on June 2, becoming the first Pope ever to do so.

An earthquake in Yemen killed more than 2800 people, and on January 25 Klaus Barbie, the "Butcher of Lyon," was arrested by Bolivian officials and turned over to the French for trial.



Left: Yuri Andropov succeeded Leonid Brezhnev as the Soviet leader.



# US economy varied but mostly up

by Jeremy Shuman



hroughout the year, the economy showed signs of recovery, but never really took off. Following the eighth straight advance, stock prices hit a new peak on April 18, 1983. Two stocks rose for every one that fell, as the Dow Jones average reached 1183.24 in the most sustained surge since April, 1975. Since August, 1982, stocks climbed over 400 points. And major US automakers posted a 32.4% increase in early April. A reported 157,875 cars were sold between April 1-10, 1983.

Not everything was on the rise, however. Braniff International Corporation, the eighth largest US airline, filed for bankruptcy on May 13, 1982, and US unemployment reached 10.8% on December 3, the highest rate since 1940.

In the world of sports, New York defeated Vancouver for their third straight pro hockey Stanley Cup. The LA Lakers downed Philadelphia 4 games to 2 in the NBA championship and heavyweight boxing champ Larry Holmes successfully defended his title against challenger Jerry Cooney. Two weeks into the season, NFL players went on strike after basic labor agreement negotiations failed. The strike lasted nearly two months and games resumed on November 21. The Cards beat the Brewers 4 games to 3 for the World Series title, and catcher Darrell Porter was named MVP. In superbowl action, the Redskins downed the Dolphins 27-17, with

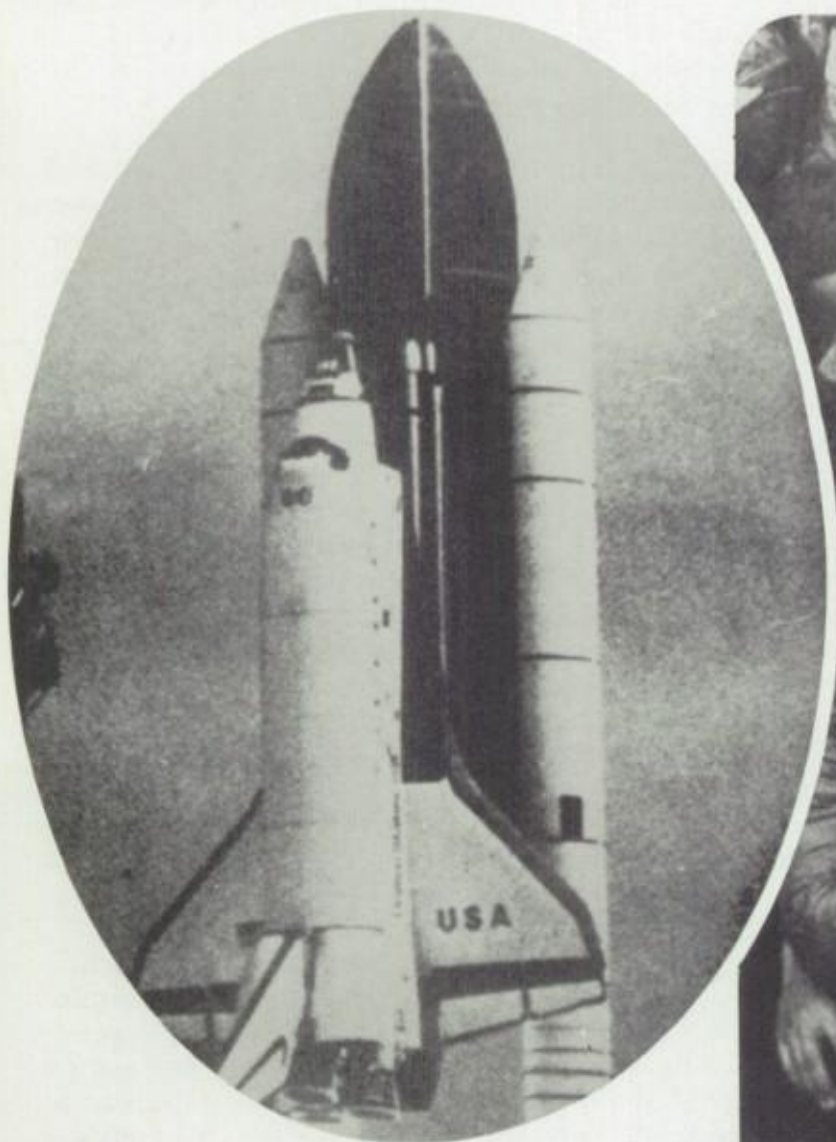
John Riggins chosen as MVP. The USFL formed as a regular league, and college star Herschel Walker signed a reported five million dollar contract with the NY Generals.

Hollywood introduced 3 hits over the summer, but lost many well-known performers. ET grossed \$13,383,204 in one weekend, while Rocky III raked in \$5,092,684 and Star Trek II managed \$4,546,175. The February 28 final episode of M.A.S.H., an 11-year old TV series, drew 77% of the viewers, or 125 million people, to rank first in total viewing. Top Oscars for the year went to Ghandi, Ben Kingsley, and Meryl Streep.

Ingrid Bergman, 67 and winner of three Academy awards, died of cancer on August 29, and Princess Grace of Monaco, former queen of the silver screen, was killed in an auto accident in southern France. Comedian John Belushi died of a drug overdose, and Karen Carpenter, Henry Fonda, and Natalie Wood passed away.

On June 12, 750,000 people took part in a peace rally in New York, and on the 21st John Hinkley Jr. was found not guilty by reason of insanity of shooting President Reagan and three others in March of 1981. A mass wedding by the Unification Church in Madison Square Garden in July joined more than 2000 couples, and a Pan Am World Airways jet crashed at New Orleans International Airport, killing 183 people.

On September 29 and 30 cyanide-laced capsules of Extra Strength Tylenol killed seven people in the Chicago



Above: The space shuttle Columbia blasts off from Kennedy Space Center, Florida, on June 27, 1982, for its fourth and final test flight.

Right: After waiting in line all night, Chicago job seekers push to apply for 3,800 temporary city positions.





Panther Pride is an intangible collection of beliefs and ideas that have been maturing for 100 years. The place is important, but our desire to protect and respect MHS is infinitely more significant.

Each of us has a favorite class, activity, and group, but we most generally mingle and interweave these aspects so we are part of the whole student body physically and emotionally.

Sincerely understanding that the students and staff are humans with strengths, weaknesses, good days and poor days and genuinely accepting these qualities that bring us joys and frustrations both private and shared, are what make us unique in our community.

I think we really do care about each other, and that excites me.

—Loren Horton

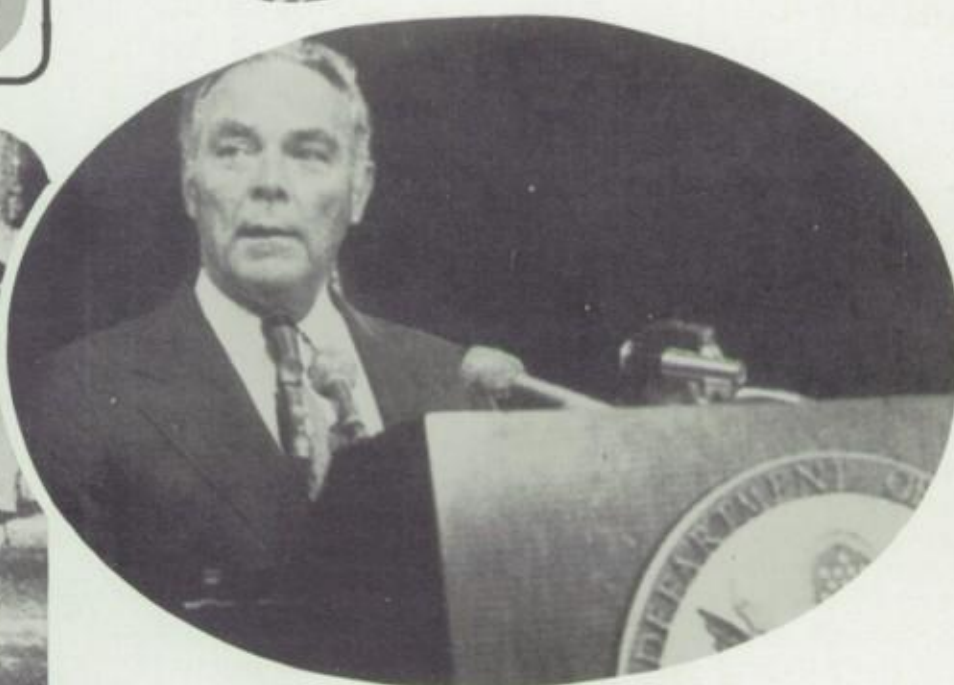


Left: After upsetting incumbent Jane Byrne in the primary, Chicago's Harold Washington survived a racist campaign to become the city's first black mayor.

Below Left: US Secretary of State Alexander Haig announces his resignation.

Below: The wreckage of a burned out automobile shows the carnage of the Miami riots.

Lower Left: The cast of the final episode of M\*A\*S\*H celebrates one of the most popular series in TV history.



area, prompting "copy-cat" poisonings in scattered cities across the country. Walt Disney's \$800 million theme park 'Epcot Center' opened on October 1 in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, and auto executive John De Lorean was arrested in Los Angeles on charges of possession of cocaine and conspiracy to distribute it on October 8, destroying his dreams of saving his failing automotive empire.

In early November the shuttle Columbia completed the last of its four test flights, and from the 11th to 16th it performed its first operational mission, which included deployment of two communication satellites. On November 13 a Viet Nam Vets Memorial was dedicated in Washington, DC. The first permanent artificial heart was implanted in the chest of Barney Clark in Salt Lake City, Utah, on December 2. After surviving numerous set-backs and recoveries, Barney died in March of multiple organ failure. On December 8 a man threatened to blow up the Washington Monument unless there was a national dialogue on nuclear weapons. He was killed by police gunfire while trying to escape. During the month of January, 1983, Miami, Florida was torn by riots after a young black man was killed by police.

Alexander Haig resigned as Secretary of State on June 25, 1982 and was replaced by George Schultz. Reagan signed special legislation on September 22 that forced 26,000 striking locomotive engineers back to work. Democrats gained 26 seats in the House of Representatives in mid-term elections and an LA federal district judge ruled that US draft registration laws were invalid. In December, Ted Kennedy declined to run for president in 1984. On December 23 the US Congress approved a gas tax increase of five cents per gallon, which became effective on April 1, 1983.



# Foul weather sets records in state

by Sabrina Farris



During the year, four California counties exceeded the 20% unemployment mark. Stanislaus, Merced, San Joaquin and Tuolumne Counties suffered the nation's economic struggles with thousands of people out of work. Many were forced to turn toward welfare and accept food and clothing aid.

Hitting California as hard as the economic struggle, the weather gave Golden Staters a taste of what winter can really be like. The stormy weather brought widespread damage and destruction throughout the state, setting a 50 year record in many categories. Record-high tides and boisterous waves did incalculable damage along the coast, while the entire central valley was subjected to serious flooding. Mudslides were reported in dozens of areas along the coast and in the mountains. The Sierra snowpack was reported at 200 to 250% of normal. By March, the valley had received approximately 25 inches of rain. Even through April, the rains managed to keep coming.

In the November elections for California, George Deukmejian succeeded Jerry Brown as Governor. He narrowly defeated Democrat Thomas Bradley, mayor of Los Angeles, in a race characterized by name-calling and character assassination. The state passed a nuclear freeze initiative, while the hand-gun registration was defeated by voters at the polls. Deukmejian campaigned with a promise to raise no new taxes, and after the election, Governor Brown called the lame-duck legislature back into session to deal with the state's serious financial crisis: the budget projections showed a deficit of up to \$1 billion before June 30 unless emergency action of some

kind was taken. A proposed "sin tax" on alcohol, tobacco, and similar products was defeated, and the special session adjourned with no action taken on most of the proposals before it. Brown's last two days in office were uncharacteristically occupied by appointing hundreds of people to fill vacancies on boards and in courtrooms, thus committing one last act of political patronage before relinquishing the state to a Republican administration.

By mid-January, it became apparent that the new legislature was no more likely to bite the budget bullet than its predecessor had been. The state treasurer and comptroller threatened to pay the state's February bills with "vouchers" — IOU's with redemption at some future date — if no money was forthcoming. Prominently mentioned were paychecks for over 200,000 state employees, and state income tax refunds. At the last possible date, a group of California banks joined together to loan the state the necessary money to avoid the embarrassment of temporarily-worthless vouchers. Even then, the governor remained opposed to new taxes, and the legislature moved slowly and uncertainly toward fiscal responsibility.

A series of accidents involving B-52 bombers has left people questioning their air-worthiness. The most recent of these occurred in mid-April on a practice bombing run in Nevada. The plane disappeared and a search of several days' duration resulted in discovery of the wreckage in a remote area. All aboard had been killed instantly.

The first was on November 29, when one of the big bombers crashed during landing at Castle Air Force



Above: The movie E.T. with Drew Barrymore broke the record as an all-time box office smash hit.

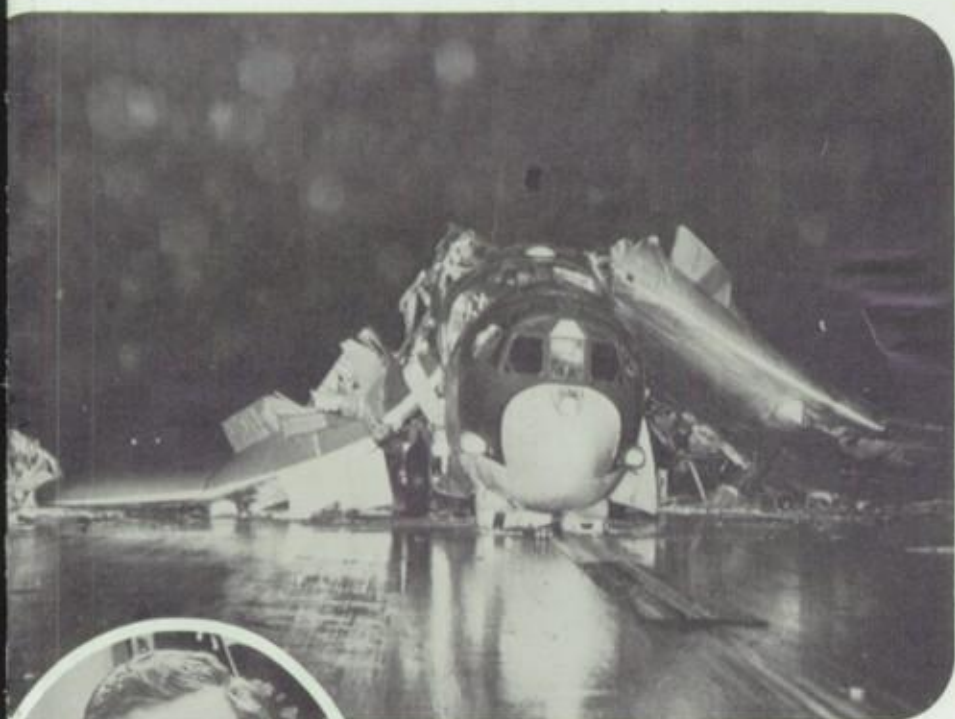
Right: In Malibu, a house hangs over a cliff formed when a mudslide swept away its foundation.





For thirty years Modesto High School has been my home. Its kids have been my kids; their sorrows, my sorrows; their joys, my joys. If I could live it all over again, I wouldn't change one day or one minute. Be proud, Modesto High School, for your heritage is your strength!

—Dee Killam



Above: The wreckage of an Air Force B-52 bomber that exploded on a runway at Castle Air Force Base on November 29 lies just as it landed. Its nine crew members narrowly escaped serious injury.  
Left: Newly-elected Governor George Deukmejian prepares to make a state-wide television address from Sacramento to explain his stand against a proposed increase in personal income taxes.

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Below: Queen Elizabeth and her husband Prince Phillip of England attended Episcopalian church services in San Diego during their California visit.

Lower Left: An eroded levee in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta area shows evidence of heavy flooding.



Base near Merced. Fortunately, there were no deaths. A crash at Mather AFB near Sacramento on December 16 was the biggest disaster in terms of lives: nine perished. On January 27 flames erupted in a B-52 on the ground at Grand Forks AFB in North Dakota, killing five. And on March 10, a wing broke off a bomber during refueling at Mather, but there were no fatalities. Investigation continues into the causes of these accidents, but Air Force spokesmen insist there is no suspicion of a conspiracy.

The entire state was agog about royalty in March, when California received a rare visit from Queen Elizabeth of England and her husband, Prince Phillip. Arriving in southern California and visiting various landmarks throughout the state, and attending and hosting receptions and banquets given by President Reagan in San Francisco, the royal party spent nearly a week, during which time the rain kept right on falling. Scheduled to spend two days in Yosemite National Park, the travel route had to be changed at the last minute because of a huge rock and mud slide across the intended highway. Following an alternate route, a tragic accident occurred in which two secret service men, traveling in an advance vehicle, were killed, and another man seriously injured.

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# Local economy suffers record losses

by Jeremy Shuman



ocal unemployment reached the second highest level in the nation, at 23.8% in February, due in part to the number of major employers forced to lay off or cut back their work forces. Among others, Joaquin Construction Company filed for reorganization under Chapter 13 of the bankruptcy law. Bank of America backed the company in its reorganization bid.

On the lighter side of the economic picture, gasoline prices were among the nation's lowest, dropping briefly to 86.9¢ a gallon before beginning another rise.

Both the city council and the school board held elections in March, selecting three teachers or former teachers to the school board, and retaining Mayor Peggy Mensinger and electing former school board chairman Carol Whiteside as a council member.

The extraordinarily heavy rainfall resulted in many problems locally. In December, while swimming, two young boys drowned in the Tuolumne River, just off Paradise Road west of town. Later in the season, the Tuolumne overflowed its banks, forcing MHS students living in the flood plain to evacuate, and flooding Maze Boulevard near the San Joaquin River, thereby causing traffic to be routed through Tracy.

Duel Vocational Institute near Tracy found itself without heat or electricity after floodwaters seeped into the basement and shorted out the power generators. Operating on skimpy and erratic emergency lighting only, the inmates were locked in their cells for several weeks until full electricity was restored and all activity

could return to normal.

South of Manteca, the San Joaquin River burst a levee and flooded thousands of acres of farmland. To combat the flooding, farmers purposely broke the levee further downstream to allow the water to drain back out. Although their action was first assailed as unauthorized and malicious by the Army Corps of Engineers, it was later acknowledged to have been instrumental in permitting a long-unused secondary levee to hold long enough to prevent further flooding.

In mid-April, a tanker truck hauling phosphoric acid overturned on Maze Boulevard, and homes for a one mile radius from the spill were evacuated. Nearby Central Catholic High and St. Stanislaus schools were also evacuated, giving the students an unexpected holiday.

A highly controversial local item and one of the most newsworthy to confront the new governor was the parole of murderer Archie Fain, who had murdered a seventeen year old boy and raped his two companions near Oakdale 15½ years ago. Despite twice being granted parole by the state board, and being certified as having undergone a "conversion experience" while in prison, Fain had faced the frustration and disappointment of having the decision rescinded by the state board because of "public outcry." His most recent attempt to gain his freedom began last summer, and after the reversal, his lawyers petitioned to the state supreme court. That tribunal handed down a decision which said that "public outcry" was not a sufficient reason for keeping a man in jail. The board promptly scheduled his parole and set the date for his release. At that point, Deukme-



Above, The Kidd Family, a double three-generation Panther family: Donna Moore Kidd, '61; John Kidd, '54; Eddie Kidd, '86. Grandmother Laverne Kolling Moore, '31, was unable to be in the picture, and grandfather Hubert Kidd, '16, is deceased.

Right: Susie Beckwith and Pam Ketchum take refuge under an umbrella during one of the numerous deluges which struck during February and March.







jian exercised his power as governor to keep Fain behind bars, the first such use of an obscure statute in over thirty years.

Work finally began on the off-street parking area located across from the auditorium. The existing buildings were demolished and the property leveled in preparation for the laying of the blacktop surface. The long-planned move to the Washington school site was put off once again, this time until the summer.

In connection with the Centennial Celebration, numerous events were held throughout the year. These included the Fall Harvest Barbeque, *Panthers on Parade*, a three-hour historical extravaganza of slides, music, and live performances, a Literary Tea to recognize alumni who are writers, a toast to the Faculty past and present, evenings with two alumni who have become successes in the film world, and the centennial parade, *Salute to Modesto High*.

The Varsity Basketball Team staged a celebration of its own, going undefeated in league play, and advancing to the final four in state tournament play with an overall record of 28-5. Their final two games coincided with both performances of *Panthers on Parade*, confronting the community with a choice of which significant event to attend. Crowds were heavy and exuberant at both affairs, uniting friends and acquaintances in a true rekindling of the Panther Heritage.

Left: The signs at local gas stations reflected the "gas war" which prevailed briefly during the winter months in Modesto. Motorists scrambled to buy gas at the cheapest station, but by April prices were again over \$1.00 and still rising.

Lower Left: A tanker truck overturned on Maze Boulevard, resulting in a poisonous chemical spill in early April.

Below: Assemblyman Gary Condit was one of the victorious candidates in the fall elections; he replaced retiring Assemblyman John Thurman.



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My association with Modesto High School began in 1962, when I entered as a freshman, and continued the following years while my brothers were students here. In 1974 I joined the staff as a teacher and coach.

I find this Centennial Year very exciting. I've enjoyed reliving past memories, becoming reacquainted with old friends, and meeting other proud graduates of MHS. The Centennial Celebration has made me realize that Modesto High has been an integral part of my life for over twenty years.

—Marty Boer



Left: A levee break in the San Joaquin River along Stanislaus County's west side caused widespread flooding of farmland.

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# Centennial Year brings celebration

**A**s the 1982-83 school year drew to a close, students and teachers alike felt the tugging of anticipation. Thoughts turned to the approaching summer and the realization of long-planned activities. Memories of hope, sorrow, victory and defeat were set aside to make room for the joys of release.

Mingled with the high spirits and anticipation were feelings of sentimental sadness. The memories, both the good and the bad, of four long years all rushed together into one, forming a collage of joyful experiences.

The long-awaited move to Washington School was once again postponed, although work did begin on the one-half acre "off-street parking area" across from the auditorium. Amid the shuffle of the Centennial Celebration and the Varsity Basketball Team's first league and section championship in 23 years, however, many people forgot about it altogether. The Varsity Panthers ended their season in the Oakland Colliseum where they faced the eventual state champs, Menlo High, in the Final Four contest.

By a curious stroke of fate, the gala opening of the Centennial Season fell on the same weekend as the Varsity Team's glamorous battle for the Northern California championship. "Panthers on Parade," a three-hour extravaganza of MHS history in slides, music, dance, and drama, played to full houses on both nights, and generated community-

wide enthusiasm which lasted through the spring.

Through it all, students and faculty alike maintained a feeling of pride in being a part of "the oldest and best high school in town."

*Jeremy Shuman*

Below: A bulldozer demolition was the first step in preparing MHS to expand its boundaries across the street to the north.



Above: At the reception following "Panthers on Parade" Mayor Peggy Mensinger helps serve "birthday cake."

Right: Keith Waters, member of the Sac-Joaquin Championship basketball team, goes up for a shot against a Hayward competitor at the Nor-Cal semi-finals.



Above: Custodians Bill Fox and Mel Sprinkle sweep the halls after lunch every day.





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## VICTORY SONG

Keep Take 20. Gug  
ya looks up if gug  
we got this up those  
each summer those  
Love to know great  
Ya Ya Ya  
Ya Ya Ya

Yo. Shaggy, Chump. Know  
Huge (30-50) w/ in Quesone.  
Good use of (30-50) w/ in Quesone.  
I can eat everything you eat.  
I hope you and your  
for you get in touch  
they to get o.k. love  
leave to you  
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To Greg  
You're a great looking  
guy. I really don't know you  
to well. Oh well maybe sometime  
time. Have a nice summer.  
Love, Kio  
Lan

[illegible]

SCHOOL HYMN

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All hail to thee, mo- des to High Let not thy soar- ing ech- oes die. In

black and crimson

Handwritten musical score for the hymn "The Colors of the Flag". The score is written on three systems of staves. The first system contains the lyrics "black and crimson", "ma-jes-ty Thy", and "col-ors stand for". The second system contains the lyrics "vic-to-ry" and "Thy". The third system contains the lyrics "loy-al ser-vice". The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written in a cursive, handwritten style.

black and crimson  
ma-jes-ty Thy  
col-ors stand for  
vic-to-ry  
Thy  
loy-al ser-

Thy loy-al sons and daugh-ters raise, To thee in e-ver rev'-rent praise

A song sent

A handwritten musical score on aged, yellowed paper. The score is written in three staves. The top staff is a treble clef, the middle is a treble clef, and the bottom is a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves. The text reads: "A song sent ring-ing to the sky. All hail to thee Mo-des-to High". The handwriting is in cursive. The paper shows signs of age, including creases and discoloration.

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